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**“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”**

Mark 1:15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22, 2015

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.

LENT 2015

Adult Faith Formation Workshop...One day only!

LIVING OUT LENT!

Let's live out the season of Lent more fully by understanding the liturgy's prayers, readings and texts.

Instructor: Christopher Ferraro

THIS Tuesday, February 24, 2015

1:00 P.M.—Church

OR

THIS Wednesday, February 25, 2015

7:30 P.M.—Room 24



PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Loving God Gladly

Save the dates...

Monday, March 16

Tuesday, March 17

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 P.M. + Church

Abbreviated Retreat Presentation

at 12:15 P.M. Mass each day.



This year our parish Lenten Mission will be led by **Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM**, a Franciscan Friar of the Holy Name Province. More details in upcoming editions of the bulletin.

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ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14th) year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS

February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 27

7:30 P.M. + Church

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

First Sunday of Lent

We're off and running in earnest with our celebration of Lent as we celebrate this first Sunday. I invite you to reflect on how the prayers of the Mass for this Sunday set the program, or define the "agenda," so to speak, for the liturgical time that lies ahead; the prayers very much give us the sense that we are inaugurating something significant that is to be undertaken with the utmost importance.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass we prayed that through this Lent *"we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects."* We are thus reminded that what we are striving to attain is richer life in and through Christ, but that fuller life is possible only when our conduct is itself Christ-like. The Prayer over the Offerings made reference to our celebration of the beginning *"of this venerable and sacred time,"* reminding us that these are privileged days set aside for spiritual growth. The Preface (the part of the Eucharistic Prayer immediately before the *Holy, Holy*) reminded us that Christ's fast of forty long days in the desert set *"the pattern of our Lenten observance."* Thus we must never forget the seriousness we are called to during Lent as a time of "going into the desert" with the Lord. An aspect of the Christian life that should be cultivated during the season of Lent is alluded to in the Prayer after Communion when we prayed *"that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from [God's] mouth."* (Notice too how that prayer brings to mind the Gospel reading for the day.) Finally, the Prayer over the People at the end of Mass prayed for further graces and growth in the spiritual life: *"that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured"* — all worthy spiritual goals for which to strive.

All the prayers of the Mass for every day of the year are always rich in themes and images for further prayer and reflection, but perhaps even more so during special seasons such as Lent. Try to pay particular attention to the words and phrases used in the Mass prayers throughout all of Lent, and allow them to inform and enrich your private prayer during the week.

Stations of the Cross

The traditional Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross will be prayed here at OLPH on four Friday

nights: February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 27. We are trying something new this year in that we asking different groups or ministries from the parish to take responsibility for leading the Stations. The current plans are for the Liturgy Committee to lead on this coming Friday, February 27; the Christian Mothers and Guild to lead on March 6; Youth Ministry to lead on March 13; and the Family Life Committee to lead on March 27.

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:30 p.m. each of those nights. Please plan on coming down for a very spiritual and prayerful evening, as the Liturgy Committee kicks off the first week this Friday night.

Update: Meeting about Wellwood Avenue Main Entrance

On Tuesday, February 10 we held our meeting to present to the parish-at-large our plans for sprucing up the main Wellwood Avenue entrance to the church, including making the entrance more accessible for those with mobility issues. Deacon Tom Bast, our Business Manager, and I made presentations and facilitated a question-and-answer period. When all was said and done, there was unanimous agreement among all present to go ahead with the project, so follow-up steps are underway. Several parishioners offered to be part of a working committee to guide the project and make it a reality, and Deacon Tom and I will be convening that group in the very near future.

I am grateful to the parishioners who took the time to come to that meeting which I considered to be an important step in the consultation process. You will continue to hear about the project through bulletin blurbs and in my column as developments arise in the months ahead. If you have any further questions or input, please feel free to contact me or Deacon Tom.

Please keep up with the weekly collection

Although last weekend's snowfall was not as bad as originally predicted, the snow and brutal, intense cold did adversely affect Mass attendance. Obviously, if you found it legitimately impossible or dangerous to get out of the house because of weather, then the obligation to attend Mass was lifted and there was no sin attached to missing Mass (and no need to go to Confession about it!). However, I do respectfully ask your cooperation in keeping up with your weekly collection offerings. We rely greatly on that regular

income and really, really need to keep it up. Therefore, I simply ask that if at any time you do have to miss Mass because of illness or inclement weather, please remember to not miss a weekly collection; you can mail in the envelope for the week you missed, or you can simply bring it with you to Mass the following week and put in two envelopes. I thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the parish on a regular basis in this way.

By the way, this might be a good time to remind you that OLPH provides the option for parishioners to use electronic giving through Faith Direct. Automatic, regular contributions are made electronically, and it's a great way to assure the parish of regular offerings even if weather or illness makes it impossible to get to Mass. I myself use it; that's how I make my weekly monetary offering to the parish (and I charge it to my credit card, so that, like my Catholic Ministries Appeal donation, I rack up points on my credit card!).

Have you played BINGO yet?

So...have you played BINGO yet on Thursday nights, run by the Knights of Columbus, in our school auditorium? If not, what are you waiting for? Come out and support both the Knights of Co-

lumbus and OLPH parish by playing BINGO each week! It makes for a fun night out...maybe even a good "date night!"

Enough Winter!!!

Please feel free to join me in a moment of griping and crabbing: "*Enough winter weather already!!! Spring cannot come soon enough!!!*"

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to vent. I think I will now have the wherewithal to face the last week of February. Spring officially arrives Friday, March 20 at 6:45 p.m. Let the countdown begin!!!

And, come summer, let no one dare to complain about the heat!

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,



WELCOME TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Healy
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Marlin
Erin Thomas & Sonny Maas
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Koehler
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Snyder
Ms. Lisa Sheets
Mr. Andrew Belding & Ms. Stacy Pinero
Mr. Joseph Dantuono
Mr. & Mrs. Justin Kelly
Mr. & Mrs. Darius Sileikis
Ms. Rosalie Rosario
Ms. Katia Andrade
Ms. Jessica Flores
Jason Buckley
Theresa Buckley
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Johnston



As mentioned in Msgr. Joe's letter, please consider using our secure electronic giving program *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collection donations of your choosing. It is a help to our parish, particularly during vacation times and weather challenges. It's a help to you as it provides a convenient way for you to make your offering to our parish.

You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NY286**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

LENT 2015

LENT: ITS MEANING, STRUCTURE, AND OUR CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

THE MEANING OF LENT

Lent



We're going on retreat! True, we may not physically be traveling to a far-off place, but we are nonetheless going on retreat. The solemn season of Lent may be seen as a time of retreat for the entire Church, as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the new life which comes to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. In fact, three focal points can form the basis for our Lenten spiritual journey:

- focusing on the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- final preparation of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- rediscovery of and recommitment to Baptism by those already baptized, through their penance, spiritual renewal, and ongoing conversion.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* of Vatican II explains:

The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent — the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance — should be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God's word more frequently and devote more time to prayer. More use is to be made of the baptismal features which are proper to the Lenten liturgy.... The same may be said of the penitential elements. But catechesis, as well as pointing out the social consequences of sin, must impress on the minds of the faithful the distinctive character of penance as a detestation of sin because it is an offense against God. The role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the need to pray for sinners should be emphasized. During Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual but also external and social.

THE STRUCTURE OF LENT

Most people know that Lent is 40 days long, but they think that the 40 days are the six weeks plus the four days of the week of Ash Wednesday (which totals 46 days) minus six Sundays, which equals 40 days. But Lent does not end on Holy Saturday; it ends on Holy Thursday evening. The Triduum, or Three Days, beginning with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and concluding with evening Vespers on Easter Sunday, is a three-day season unto itself, and not merely the final three days of Lent. The span of days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday is 44 days, but the ancient fathers of the Church calculated 40 days by beginning the count with the First Sunday of Lent, and continuing until Holy Thursday. This practice has been kept to the present time, hence the 40 days of Lent.

At least four phases of the season can be discerned:

1. *Ash Wednesday and the next three days:* These four days form a solemn preview of the season; the Scriptures and Mass prayers announce the major aspects of the observance and call us to enter into the season. The First Sunday of Lent begins the period of 40 days, with the Rite of Election for the catechumens being one expression of this.

2. *The 28 days from the First Sunday until the Saturday of the Fourth Week:* Scripture readings and penitential rites provide the structure for these days. Penance services, the Penitential Rite for candidates for reception into the full communion of the Church celebrated on the Second Sunday, and the first two scrutinies for the elect on the Third and Fourth Sundays, are all a part of this time. Only two feasts, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25), break this violet period in 2015. The Fourth or "Laetare" Sunday brings its own nuances, and rose-colored vestments may be worn that day.

3. *From the Fifth Sunday and following:* Attention becomes focused on the passion of Christ during this period of Lenten time.

4. *The last days, called Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* These days are given the highest liturgical precedence so the Church will not be distracted from final preparations for the Triduum. Focus on the passion of Christ becomes intensified.

LENT 2015

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER RITUAL ELEMENTS DURING LENT

Remembering that Lent is primarily about baptismal preparation and conversion, let us be aware of the structure and movement of this season as we journey toward Easter. Our church environment will look different during the Lenten season. The environment in which we worship helps us to enter into a Lenten spirituality — what we see (and don't see) and smell and hear is all a part of the way we pray. Here are some things you will notice during Lent:

THE ASHES USED ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALL DURING LENT, in our “baptistery” area. This will be an ongoing reminder of the spiritual journey of Lent, a journey of dying and rising, a journey of changing our lives to be closer to Christ. The ashes come from burned palms saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. The Roman Rite is specific about flowers for this penitential season: they are not allowed! The only exceptions this year are the Solemnities mentioned above and “Laetare” Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

THE EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE WILL BE REMOVED. The removal of the Easter candle in its stand contributes to the somber, penitential tone of Lent. The joy associated with sacramental initiation which is celebrated during the fifty days of Easter is out of place during these forty days of preparation, penance, and conversion. This is why adult confirmations and first communions are deferred until Easter Time.

FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES DURING LENT WE WILL RECITE THE CONFITEOR (THE “I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...”) AND THEN SING THE KYRIE ELEISON (“LORD, HAVE MERCY”). This will highlight for us the penitential nature of the season and help us to more intently “acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.” It also gives us the chance to use the *Confiteor* (“I confess to almighty God...”) which is not often heard at Sunday Masses.

WE WILL USE THE APOSTLES' CREED INSTEAD OF THE NICENE CREED. The Roman Missal tells us, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.” So, to highlight the sacredness of the season, we will use the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed, the one we usually use, for all of Lent and Easter Time. This will highlight for us the baptismal character of both the Lenten and Easter seasons.

THERE WILL BE NO SINGING OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS DURING LENT. This will help create a mood of prayerful quiet and reflection appropriate to the season. The Priest may continue to pray the preparation prayers silently, or he may recite them out loud, giving the people the opportunity to respond, “Blessed be God forever.”

CROSSES AND IMAGES IN THE CHURCH WILL BE COVERED STARTING WITH THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT. This custom becomes yet another stark visual reminder of the seriousness of Lent and helps us to truly experience heavenly joy and resurrected life when the images of the saints, who are in heavenly glory, are seen once again come Easter.

There are other ritual aspects that go into the celebration of Lent:

- the omission of the *Glory to God in the highest* at the beginning of all Masses;
- the omission of the Alleluia before the Gospel, replaced by another Gospel acclamation;
- traditional Lenten practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- Lenten devotions such as Stations of the Cross and our Parish Mission (look for details elsewhere in the bulletin).

As we journey through the days of Lenten springtime together, let us enter into its spirit by anticipating the new life which comes to us through Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Congratulations to our sisters and brothers—*Jazmin Aguilar, Joshua Aguilar and Jennifer Feeney*—who are in formation to become Catholic. Today, the First Sunday of Lent, they enter the final stage of their journey in preparation for initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Today at 2:30 p.m. they will attend the **Rite of Election** at **St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma** presided over by Bishop Murphy. At this ceremony, our catechumens (who will then become **the elect**) will be formally recognized and accepted by our diocese as people preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter.

Next Saturday, February 28th, our parish will pray in a special way for the **candidates**—*Christina Lamont and Alice White*—in our RCIA process, i.e., those adults in the process who have been baptized non-Catholic and wish to be received into the Catholic Church. As a parish community, we will send them forth to the **Call to Continuing Conversion** on the Second Sunday of Lent, March 1st at 2:30 P.M. at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma.

Please remember the "Elect"—Jazmin, Joshua and Jennifer—and our parish's candidates—Christina and Alice—in your prayers as they enter this final stage of Lenten preparation for reception of the Easter sacraments.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH

Come to learn more about how the Church "works" through a study of its history, structure and function. Through teaching and discussion learn more about...

How did the Church get to look the way she does?

What happened at Vatican II and why is it such a big deal?

Instructor: Father Alfred

5 Tuesday Nights

February 24, March 3, 10, 24 and 31

Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.

Place: Room 24, OLPH School



Sign me up for **ECCLESIOLOGY**

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Please RSVP by using this form or by emailing to Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org so we can make sure enough materials are available for all who are present.

NURSING MINISTRY PRESENTS...

Have you ever thought about.....

Who would make medical decisions for you if you were unable to?

What medical care you would want if you had a brain injury and were unlikely to recover?

What is the Church's position on these issues?

The Nursing Ministry invites you to attend

Living Wills and Advanced Directives

Mary Guararra RN, Esq.

and Brice Beach Esq.

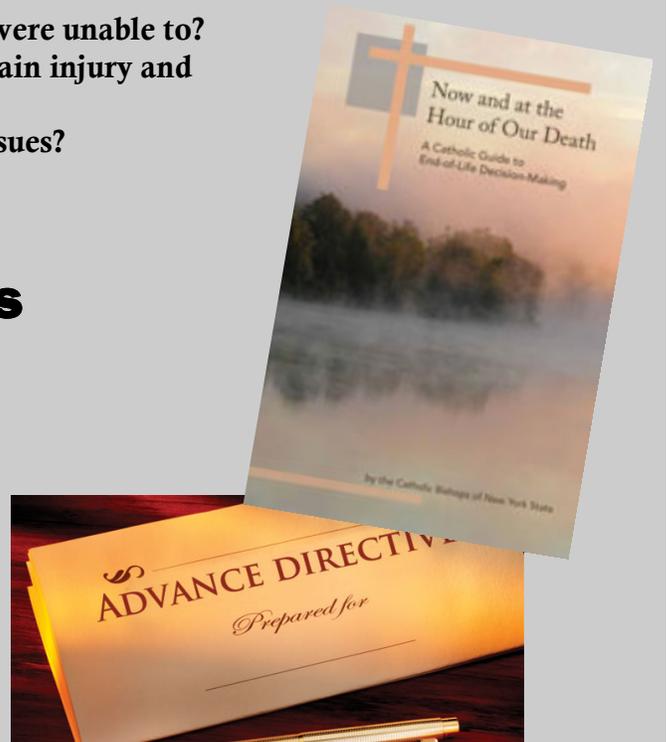
from Catholic Health Services

This Wednesday,

February 25

10 am - Room 16

An evening session will be held in the Spring.



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY



VIRTUS TRAINING HERE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7 PM IN ROOM 8

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

Registration MUST be done online.

Simply go to drvc.org,
then Protecting God's Children

SUPER 72 RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FEBRUARY WINNERS

\$1000 - Grace Twiford

\$250 - Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Manzillo

\$100 - Charles Coyne

\$100 - Jim Parks

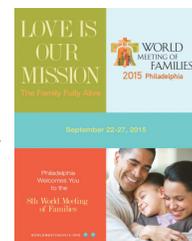
\$100 - Ms. Jane Ruic

\$100 - Robert & Pina Mascio

ALL ABOUT FAMILY!

World Meeting of Families

To prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis's visit, we are studying a catechesis on family life called *Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*. This month's theme is the *Two Become One*. This week, we have asked Dan and Christine Volpe, who lead our Pre-Cana marriage preparation ministry, to offer their thoughts on the topic.



Many people in our society express different ideas as to what marriage is. There are stories about people marrying dolphins, carnival rides, cats, themselves, even the Eifel Tower. Here is what our Lord said: "at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Jesus, in saying "two become one," is describing what married love is designed to be. As God, he is actually the inventor of love. Perhaps we should look at this more closely.

Married couples are called to a love that is permanent just as the Lord's love for us is forever. Impossible? There are many in our community celebrating silver and even golden anniversaries who would disagree.

Just as the Lord became one with us by taking on humanity in order to bring about salvation, so are spouses called upon to bear each other's joys and sufferings and ultimately get each other to heaven.

Speaking from experience, we can tell you it's not easy. You really need to decide to love your partner every day whether you feel like it or not. By deciding to love each other each day not only will we find happiness in this life, but our legacy of love will live on in our children and community

Did you know? You can visit the website for the list of speakers and talk titles: WorldMeeting2015.org.

God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.
May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families,
especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in
your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, our Family Life Ministry will be hosting a

HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, March 8, 2015

3:30 P.M.

OLPH Church

Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten season as we seek to grow closer to the Lord. Following the holy hour, we will gather in the Cafeteria for a service activity and learn more about our parish's Homeless Van Ministry.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Had fun at
Mardi Gras?

Love the Pageant?

Can't wait for the next Families in Service?

Join us at our next meeting

THIS THURSDAY

February 26, 2015

7:30 PM

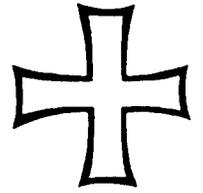
in the St. Mark Meeting Room
(Basement of the Rectory)

Come and learn more about this exciting ministry that works to bring families together for times of prayer, fellowship and service!

MUSIC NOTES

Music During Lent

At OLPH, we will observe the Lenten fast as a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and for the renewal of our Baptismal promises. In keeping with the spirit of fasting, you will notice that the music at our liturgies will be much simpler during Lent as well. In a sense, you can say that we are fasting with our music. Don't worry, we'll make it for it in the exuberance and joy of the Easter Season.



- Our Eucharistic Acclamations (the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen) will be sung to very simple chants. The Lamb of God chant will be sung using the Latin text (ie: *Agnus Dei*).
- During the Preparation of the Gifts, we will have no music at all.
- The organ will only be used to accompany singing which means there will not be any prelude nor postlude instrumental music, except on *Laetare* Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent).
- Each Sunday of Lent we will recite the words of the *Confiteor*, "I confess to almighty God . . ." We pray that the Lord's mercy will be with us on our Lenten journey. Then we will sing the Greek words "*Kyrie Eleison, Christi Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*" which mean "Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy."
- Instead of singing "alleluia" to announce the Gospel, we sing instead: "Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord. Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ." We also won't sing "alleluia" in any of our hymns. We look forward to the Easter Season when we celebrate the newness of life and we will sing the "alleluia" again with new joy and praise.
- On the First Sunday of Lent we will be keeping the ancient tradition of the Church of singing the Litany of the Saints as we begin our Lenten Pilgrimage. We invoke the name of the saints who accompany us on our journey to Jerusalem.

Join Our Holy Week Choir

Are you interested in singing with our music ministry but can't commit to sing every Sunday? Consider singing for our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies. You won't want to miss the experience of being part of these unique and beautiful ritual moments in the life of the Church during the holiest days of the year. We'll be singing at the following times:

- Friday, March 20 - Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery (7:30pm)
- Saturday, March 28 - Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass (5:00pm)
- Holy Thursday, April 2 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:30pm)
- Good Friday, April 3 - Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord (3:00pm)
- Holy Saturday - April 4: Easter Vigil (8:00pm)
- Easter Sunday - April 5: Mass (11:00am)

If you would like to participate, you would only have to attend five rehearsals preceding Holy Week. Contact Chris Ferraro for more information - cferraro@oloph.org or 226-7725 ext. 210.

Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building
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 E-mail: religiosed@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 2/22/2015

Religious Education Office Updates

Class Schedule

Monday

7:15- 8:30pm— Class for Level 8

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

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION WEEK

Registration of new registrants began in January, but for those of us who need an actual time and date, this week is our first official registration week. New registrants are: ALL CHILDREN, Public School, Home-schooled, or Catholic School, who will be in 1st grade in September 2015; AND all Public School students, all Homeschooled children, and all Catholic School students currently in grades 1-7 who have not previously registered with the Religious Education Office. Remember that sacraments are celebrated at the home parish of OLPH as mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. A baptismal certificate is required!

There will be staff on hand to assist you during our office hours as stated above, Monday through Friday. (Registrations cannot take place on Saturdays.) Remember, all current Religious Education families must re-register this year. This re-registration for continuing students will begin in April 2015.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Level 8 Group A (Rooms 1, 2, 4, 16, 18) will be treated to a presentation on Social Justice with Pattye Pece, the president of Sobornost for the World Foundation. Sobornost For The World Foundation, Inc. helps young vulnerable orphans with no way to support themselves in sub-Saharan Africa.

PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday February 25

No Class for Level 6 in rooms 1, 2, 4, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 or 22 this week; instead all Parents and Children in Level 6 (including all Special Education, Home school and Catholic school students) are invited to attend a Penance Service in the Church at 5:30 p.m.

PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOP ON LENT FOR LEVEL 5

On Saturday, February 28, ALL Level 5 parents and students will engage in a parent and child workshop on Lent during their child's session. Fr. John will lead a group on the topic of fasting, MaryAnn Haas and Donna Salina will lead a discussion on prayer and Regina Muir will teach about almsgiving.

FAITH FORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES REGISTERING FOR 2015:

Passing on the faith is a great privilege for all of us at OLPH, particularly for our Faith Formation staff. We look forward to working with you and your family in the years ahead.

Believe it or not, registration began for the 2015-16 formation year on January 1st. To better serve you and organize our program, there are some new procedures in place. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, particularly if you have registered in previous years.

- **ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE PARISHIONERS OF OLPH must be registered with the Religious Education Program.** This applies to **Public School children, all Homeschooled children and all Catholic School children.**
- **NEW REGISTRANTS** began registering January 1st, 2015.
- **New registrants are: ALL CHILDREN**—in public school, homeschool, or a Catholic School, who will be in 1st grade in September 2015; **AND all public school students, all homeschool students, and all Catholic School students** currently in grades 1-7 who have not previously registered with the Religious Education Office. **Remember that sacraments are celebrated at the home parish of OLPH as mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre.**
- A baptismal certificate is required.
- Our first official registration week is this week:

Monday	February 23	9:00—1:00
Tuesday	February 24	9:00—1:00
Wednesday	February 25	2:00—8:00
Thursday	February 26	9:00—1:00
Friday	February 27	8:00—12:00

- A letter will be sent to all our **previously-registered families** in March, requesting payment. Families with **children registered in previous years** may begin paying as of April 2015. This is a change from previous years when we had “book pick-up” throughout the month of September. Families must make payment for the 2015/2016 school year by May 29th, 2015 to avoid a late fee.
- Payment will be taken in the forms of check, cash or debit card. All check payments may be returned via mail once that letter has been sent out. Payments by cash and debit card must be made in person. The Religious Education office is located at 240 S. Wellwood Ave. in the Faith Formation Center (formerly the OLPH School building).
- Once payment is made, any requests concerning teachers, students or session times may be submitted for consideration, **but only until May 29th, 2015. Requests for changes after this date may not be possible.**
- **Re-registrations will not be taken after July 1, 2015.**
- The **non-refundable** registration fees for the 2015/2016 year will be:

\$120 for one child	\$150 for two children	\$170 for three or more children
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As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office and we will be happy to assist you.

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: Mr. Dave Reid (dreid88@optonline.net)

CYO Website: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

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

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

Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry meets three times a month and is geared for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Each night varies and is a great way for young people to experience the Church in a different way!

Upcoming Events

Our last middle school night for February is this **Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 P.M.** in the gym. Come hang out, play some games, have some open gym time and maybe even grab something to eat as we learn a little more about our faith and pray together. On the 24th, in the midst of all the fun, we'll talk about the Transfiguration and belonging to God!

The first middle school night in March is on **Friday, March 6th at 7:30 P.M.** Wear sneakers: it's open gym night (there'll be some un-gym activities too)! All are welcome!

Please remember to enter and exit through the Wellwood Avenue entrance of the school building for Middle School Nights.

The *Columbian Squires* program strives to provide the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities.

We are always looking for new members to join our Circle. If you are between the ages of 10 and 18 why don't you consider coming down to one of our meetings and see what it's all about. We do charitable work for others and special causes and you can have lots of fun while doing it.

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Columbian Squires Knute Rockne Circle #82

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday
from 7:30 PM till 9:00 PM at the
Convent.

Please use the side entrance on the
left.



Our motto is *Esto Dignus, Be Worthy.*

OLPH CYO REGISTRATION SPRING, 2015

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION
NOW AVAILABLE:
www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION:
Saturday February 28, 2015 12:30PM—3:00PM
For Spring Track & Volleyball

@OLPH School Cafeteria
240 S Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst
Enter On High St.



SPRING TRACK Boys & Girls Grades 1-8

SPRING Volleyball Boys & Girls Grades 4-12



Check our Facebook Page:
OLPH CYO, Lindenhurst

Register On Line:

<http://www.sportssignup.com/Our-Lady-Of-Perpetual-Help-Catholic-Youth-Organization-Online-Registration.start>

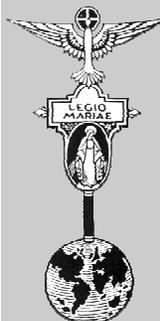


LEGION OF MARY

CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS

(Ages 11 through 17)

You are invited to an introductory meeting of the
**Junior Legion of Mary on Saturday
February 28, at 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.
in Room 24 of the OLPH school.**



DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH? Come and pray with us and be ready to perform charitable works.

The word Legion means army. The Legion of Mary is our Blessed Mother's army. Our ammunition is the Rosary and the Miraculous Medal. There is no obligation to join. Come to this meeting and hear what it is all about. There will be two members of the Senior Legion of Mary present at this and all meetings. Refreshments will be served.

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
- † Homeless Van Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Tony Spina—516.473.4021
- † 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

NEW Food Pantry List!

TOILET PAPER
 PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
 INSTANT COFFEE
 SHELF STABLE MILK
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 INSTANT POTATOES

**WE DO NOT NEED CANNED
 VEGETABLES OR SOUPS AT
 THIS TIME! Thank you for your
 continued generosity.**

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, Jesus overcomes temptations. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing food, offering help with utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You for your generosity!



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available.

These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful "Living Memorial" Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9am –12 Noon, Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory. For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725, x. 234.

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 alas sección 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 o en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 1 de Marzo del 2015.

Primera Lectura (Génesis 22,1-2, 9-13, 15-18): Sin Rehuser Nada a Dios. Como hombre de fe profunda, Abrahán estaba dispuesto a sacrificar su propio hijo a Dios. Pero el Dios de la vida le devolvió su hijo como señal de la Alianza.

Segunda Lectura (Romanos 8,31-34): Dios Sacrificó a Su Propio Hijo por Nosotros. Dios no quiso ahorrarle a su propio Hijo la cruz y la muerte, sino que las permitió para que fueran el camino de Jesús su victoria y la fuente de la nuestra.

Evangelio (Marcos 9,2-10): Antes de la Cruz, una Visión Fugaz de Gloria. Jesús y sus apóstoles más íntimos experimentan una visión de la gloria que Jesús mismo gozará en su resurrección. Esta visión fugaz les mantendrá durante la pasión del Señor.

*Dios no perdonó a su propio Hijo,
sino que lo entregó para beneficiarnos a todos".
Prefirió que muriera su Hijo,
antes que renunciar a su amor por los hombres.
Ese Jesús está ahora con nosotros,
como la garantía del amor de Dios.
Que Jesús, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.*

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

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 for-
mation, spiritual growth, friendship
and community building.*

*Senior Moments is looking for new men and women to join
our spirit filled group! All are welcome!*

Next Meeting

TUESDAY - February 24, 2015

9:00 A.M. - Room 24

*Msgr. Joe will lead us in an inspiring
presentation about the season of Lent on the 24th.*

(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,
12 Noon—3:00pm

Join us **March 5, 2015** in Room 24

Everyone is welcome.

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

MIDDLE AGES

Thursday, March 5th

Join in the fun and camaraderie at an evening of

K of C Bingo in the School Auditorium -

Doors open at 6:15 pm & first game starts at 7:30 pm.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 23—

Lenten Weekday

(*Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*)

6:30	Richard A. Leonardi
12:15	John & Philomena Garofalo
7:00	DEVOTIONS

TUESDAY, February 24—

Lenten Weekday

6:30	Frank Denzel
12:15	John C. Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, February 25—

Lenten Weekday

6:30	Beth Mehm & Tommy Fountain
12:15	Rita Joyce Morse
12:45- 2:00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30	Level 6 Confessions

THURSDAY, February 26—

Lenten Weekday

6:30	The Savastano Family
12:15	Angela Schunk

FRIDAY, February 27—

Lenten Weekday

6:30	For the Enthronement of Jesus Christ as King of Poland & all Nations
12:15	Maria Aliano
7:30	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 28—

Lenten Weekday

8:00	Loretta & Jack Damone
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Vigil for

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00	Theresa DePalo
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Sunday, March 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6:30	Stephen Kozlowski
8:00	For the People of the Parish
9:30	Ryan Groh
11:00	Regina Braun
12:30	Rose Farrell
5:00	William & Charlotte & Joe Durr

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 23, 2015—President's Day

8:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 14
2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:15 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's
7:15 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	Auditorium

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/14
9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
1:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Church
6:45 PM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	St. Lucy
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 16
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry Middle School	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Room 24
7:30 PM	Eagle Scout Board Review	Room 10
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

8:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 14
10:00AM	Nursing Ministry—Living Wills	Room 16
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 PM	Level 6 Penance	Church
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Level 7 Religious Education	School
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Room 24

Thursday, February 26, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
4:00 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:15 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
6:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 PM	VIRTUS Training	Room 8
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:30 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 27, 2015

8:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (<i>Young People</i>)	Room 24

Saturday, February 28, 2015

8:30 AM	Levels 1-5 Rel. Ed.	School
1:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
1:30 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
5:00 PM	RCIA/RCIC	Rm 16/18
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 1, 2015

1:30 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Youth Ministry Planning Meeting	Youth Office
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 PM	Adoration	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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.

First Time:

Aaron Shifflett & Kristen Serwan

WE REMEMBER

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

*Jennie Occhiogrosso
Stella Hogan*

“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.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Peggy Curran</i>	<i>Julia Cicala</i>
<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>	<i>James Mahaney</i>
<i>Theresa Caltabiano</i>	<i>Jose M. Cevallos</i>
<i>Josephine Senatore</i>	<i>Thomas Curtin, Sr.</i>
<i>Frank Raffanilli</i>	<i>Bernard Celestine</i>
<i>Fran Brosan</i>	<i>Roberta Pollacek</i>
<i>Jane Petti</i>	<i>Carol Gilroy</i>
<i>Vincenzo Rao</i>	<i>Margaret Girgenti</i>
<i>Joan Coffee</i>	<i>Marie Foster</i>
<i>Roberta Chaplin</i>	<i>Dolores Otten</i>
<i>Patricia Grasso</i>	<i>Carmela DeFilippo</i>
<i>Vincent Treanor</i>	<i>Whitey Rieger</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnott</i>	<i>Eileen Durney</i>
<i>Richard Brosan</i>	<i>Maureen Gilbride</i>
<i>Kathy Bonarewicz</i>	<i>Marie Roeper</i>
<i>Barbara Brunsdorf</i>	<i>Resurreccion Zulueto</i>
<i>Salvatore Cicala</i>	<i>George Wagner</i>

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.

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another as we gather each week for Mass.

Holy Communion: Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

Communion from the Chalice: The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

Receiving on the Tongue: Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

Greeting of Peace: Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

Mass Attendance: **MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!** There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
Fr. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor	226	ethelo702000@yahoo.com
Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Brittany Marie Evans, Youth Minister	200	youth@oloph.org
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

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 Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

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 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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finance Council

Presents....2 different **INFORMATION SESSIONS**
on Important Personal Financial Topics

Topic #1 is **Social Security** and will be on **Sunday March 8th**
Session begins at 1:30pm in the OLPH Auditorium/Gymnasium and
will last for 90 minutes ; refreshments will be served.

The Session will cover.....



1. How Social Security fits into your Retirement Planning.
2. Decisions on how early I should start taking my benefits.
3. Why 65 is no longer the FRA (Full Retirement Age).
4. Understand how Social Security benefits may affect your taxes.
5. Did you know that benefits are inflation adjusted?
6. Spousal benefits: how to maximize.
7. A Question & Answer period will be held.

Topic #2 **Charitable Giving from A to Z** will be **Sunday March 15th**
Session begins at 1:30pm in the OLPH Auditorium/Gymnasium and
will last for 90 minutes ; refreshments will be served.

The Session will cover.....



1. Learn the reasons behind making a charitable gift.
2. Learn the basics, types of gifts, and replacing value in the estate.
3. Discussion will include other reasons for charitable giving.....
 - a. Like sharing one's good fortune
 - b. Religious and spiritual beliefs
 - c. Perpetuate or memorialize
 - d. Supporting causes important to the donor
4. Gain knowledge on different trusts for the donor's bequests.
5. Approaches to achieve large possible tax deductions.
6. A Question & Answer period will be held.

We know you will find these sessions both informative and helpful for your personal planning. Everyone is welcome to attend both sessions. An RSVP is very helpful so we ask that you send an email to FinanceCouncil@oloph.org and let us know if you are planning on attending one or both of the sessions. Please indicate the number of attendees within the email. If you do not use e-mail then please call the Rectory and leave the information at 631-226-7725.

OFFERING UPDATE

Feb. 14/15, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	323	145	\$2,969.00
6:30 A.M.	50	14	511.00
8:00 A.M.	96	51	1,403.00
9:30 A.M.	187	44	918.00
11:00 A.M.	225	67	1,353.00
12:30 P.M.	269	57	1,570.00
5:00 P.M.	212	26	1,046.50
Total coin:			12.36
Mail-ins:			295.00
Children's Env.		11	46.50
Faith Direct			1,954.00
TOTAL	1,362	415	\$12,078.36
2014 TOTAL	1,908	538	\$14,678.88
Candles			\$824.40
Poor Box			\$204.69

2014 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2014 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Rectory at 631-226-7725 X 200. The Secretary will take your name, address & envelope number. The letters will be sent out *only upon request*.

Sisters of St. Dominic Irish Night Raffle Sales

Feb. 28/March 1

On Saturday, March 7th the Dominican Sisters of Amityville will be hosting their annual Irish Night at St. Brigid's parish in Westbury. The proceeds from this celebration are used for the needs of their retired sisters. As was done last year, Sisters will be selling chance book raffles after all the Masses here in OLPH during the weekend of February 28/March 1. Please consider buying some chances and who knows maybe you'll win! The Sisters surely "win" because of your generosity.



AUTHOR'S COLUMN

From Msgr. Hamilton:

Dear Parishioners: I have published a new book – *Jousting With The New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict* – comprised of letters I have written to The Times in that period, some published then, others here for the first time – taking issue with their religion-related editorials. Through my letters, an introductory essay and concluding essay for the whole I have sought to point out how a great newspaper was and is a principal promoter of relativism and secularism in our land. This paperback, 300 pages, \$15, is available at Createspace.com/5169783 or at Amazon.com/DB/0692352066 or at your favorite bookstore. It will also be available at the OLPH Religious Goods Shop after the 9:30am Sunday Mass until 2:00pm.

All author's royalties go to a tax exempt Catholic charitable foundation, the St. John Fisher Fund. Thank you for your support.

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Sunday, March 1, 2015

2nd Sunday of Lent

*“Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them...”*

-Mark 9:2

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

The very first occurrence of the word "love" in the Scriptures refers to Abraham's passion for his son Isaac. In Jewish tradition, the drama of the sacrifice of Abraham's beloved son is called the Akedah ("binding"), which is universally regarded as the supreme test of Abraham's obedience and faith. The Akedah is so important that it is read each morning as a prelude to the Jewish Shacharit (morning) service. Every sacrifice offered represents our returning to God what He Himself has first provided to His people. It is not the sacrifice itself which atones for sin. Rather, it is our faith in what God can do in spite of sin that renders us righteous in His sight.

Romans 8:31b-34

The all-conquering power of God's love has overcome every obstacle to Christians' salvation and every threat to separate them from God. That power manifested itself fully when God's own Son was delivered up to death for their salvation.

Mark 9:2-10

The Transfiguration of Jesus, experienced by His apostles shortly after He foretells His coming passion, tells us that God's answer to and purpose of the Passion and Cross is the Resurrection.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:2-10) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. It took a blinding light for Peter, James and John to begin to see or understand who Jesus was. Think of some areas in your country (such as immigration, trafficking, environment) or life that need to be illuminated before you would be able to see much of the divine in them. Explain.

2. Pope Francis speaks about the Transfiguration. Discuss what he says needs to happen when we go to the mountain.

We need to go to a place of retreat, to climb the mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. We cannot stay there, however. The encounter with God in prayer again pushes us to come down from the mountain and back down into the plain, where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, injustice, and both material and spiritual poverty."

Angelus talk on the 2nd Sunday of Lent,
March 16, 2014

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 23, 2015:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
+ Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 24, 2015:

Isaiah 55:10-11+ Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 25, 2015:

Jonah 3:1-10 + Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 26, 2015:

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-2
+ Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, February 27, 2015:

Ezekiel 18:21-28 + Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 28, 2015:

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
+ Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 1, 2015:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
+ Romans 8:31b-34
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