

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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I have become all things to all,
to save at least some.
All this I do for the sake of the gospel,
so that I too may have a share in it.

-1 Corinthians 9:22-23

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8, 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

from Holy Hour to Happy Hour to Holy Hour



Come join us for a family evening of prayer and fun concluding with the burning of palms as we begin our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!



Tuesday, February 17

5:45 p.m. — Church

Cost: \$20.00 per family or \$5.00 per person



Please bring a covered dish to be shared with your family and a few others!
You may drop off your dish as you enter the church.



Music, games, 50/50, Live DJ and more!



MARDI GRAS REPLY FORM

First & Last Name: _____

_____ #of adults _____ # of children & ages _____

Telephone number: _____ Email Address: _____@_____

Amount enclosed: cash _____ check _____ *Make checks payable: OLPH*

Covered dish _____

Please return to OLPH Rectory or in the collection basket
NO LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY, February 15th.

All donations accepted.

Any questions or ticket information contact:

Deirdre Strigaro 631.225-0928 or familylife@oloph.org



THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Great job, Maintenance Crew!

Well, the “Blizzard of ‘15” that was predicted for Tuesday, January 27 did not turn out as horrible as the forecasters were saying — at least not for the Lindenhurst area. Nonetheless, I want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing maintenance crew who always do such a wonderful job of snow clearing and shoveling so that the parish can continue to function.

Whenever they are asked to do snow removal, the men on our maintenance crew are out there working under very inhospitable weather conditions, and they do a remarkable job of keeping things clear for us so all our buildings remain safely accessible. Even when the offices close for a snow day and the other employees don't have to come into work, the maintenance men do not have off — they are out there toiling away. Thanks to Vito Cudia, Sean McDonough, Ryan McDonough, R.J. Renna, Bill Hughes, and Joe Breuer, and to our Groundskeeper and overall coordinator/convener of the maintenance crew, Joe Huber. You guys are great! We appreciate your hard work and we thank you for it!

Monday Night Devotions

We are all aware that the celebration of the liturgy is the high point and center of our spiritual life as Catholics: “the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows.” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 10) At the same time, of course, a Catholic's spiritual life should not be limited solely to participation in the liturgy. Catholics should avail themselves of private, personal prayer and other communal devotional experiences that take place in the life of the parish.

I would like to call your attention to our **Monday Night Devotions**. These devotions are not Mass or sacramental celebrations, but rather are services during which various prayers are said; the prayers, and the order of service, are the same each week. The first part of the service involves reciting together Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, various prayers for the home, for children, for the sick, and for the dead, and the *Memorare* prayer. Our icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is honored during this time as well. Then, these Marian devotions are followed by the second part of the service which is Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; the usual ritual for Exposition and Benediction is used here. Both parts together do not take long and are often finished in about 45 minutes or less. The structure, rhythm and prayers are the same every week,

and a worship aid is provided, so it is very easy to participate and to know what is going on.

These Monday Night Devotions have a long and rich history here at OLPH (indeed, in many parishes) and it is to our spiritual benefit that we avail ourselves of this beautiful prayer experience. Remember, these devotions are intended for everyone, not just for a select few. If you attend, I'm sure you'll find it to be very enriching and rewarding, especially if you attend regularly and make it a consistent part of your weekly rhythm of prayer.

It's a great spiritual activity to participate in as a family. I have even known some couples in previous parishes I served in to attend the weekly devotions as a “date night” in order to spend some time praying together, whether they be dating as boyfriend/girlfriend, or, if they were already married, as an opportunity as husband and wife to “get out of the house” and spend some quality time praying together. With Lent approaching, perhaps you might consider adding the Monday Night Devotions as part of your Lenten prayer discipline.

Give the Monday Night Devotions a try; you'll be glad you did.

ME-25 Survey

Recall that back in October of 2013 the entire parish took the ME-25 Survey which was intended to measure parishioners' engagement in the life of the parish. Several months later the results of that survey were printed in the bulletin in a series of articles that gave the scores for OLPH and the comparison of those scores to national averages. Every once in a while I will be asked if anything is being done with that information or if the survey is being followed up on in any way.

The answer to both of those questions is: YES! The Pastoral Staff continues to keep alive the need for us to keep track of and increase parishioner engagement in the life of OLPH. The Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council have continued to have follow-up discussions and sessions using the material and discerning what our next steps could be. We are moving in the direction of linking together two important initiatives which we believe are the appropriate follow-up to the ME-25: cultivating parish leadership (*i.e.*, building on the Parish Leadership Meeting held in March of 2014, which involved the heads of ALL the parish ministries, societies and organizations) and discovering our God-given strengths and talents through a process known as the Strengths Finder (starting with parish leadership but eventually branching out to the parish-at-large).

We have some exciting plans and initiatives on the drawing board for the months and even years ahead at OLPH that will deepen our ability to respond to the demands of the Gospel and will deepen our bonds of communion with each other as we all offer our strengths and gifts and talents together, and as we work ever more closely together for the common good of the Kingdom of God. We will continue to announce and explain the entire process as it unfolds in the future. Stay tuned!

Meeting Regarding the Wellwood Avenue Entrance Project

Allow me to remind you that **this Tuesday evening, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church** will be our meeting to discuss the Wellwood Avenue Entrance Project; details about the meeting are given elsewhere in the bulletin. Please make every effort to attend if you would like more information about this project, and especially if you think you might be able to assist the parish in this endeavor.

Thank you, John Keller!

I must take this opportunity to offer words of **THANKS** to John Keller for all his assistance with the showing of the Catholic Ministries Appeal video last weekend. John has generously and graciously offered his time and expertise with this video for three years now, and I am grateful for all his help. John is a member of our Pastoral Council and I thank him for his leadership in this undertaking each year.

"Little Black Books" are available this weekend

The *Little Black Book* is available on the pew ledges starting this weekend, so you'll want to be sure to take one while they last. The book contains reflections for every day of the Lenten season, with some preparatory reflections beginning next Sunday, February 15 (hence their availability now). These books

have proven quite popular in the past, and I know you will enjoy this year's version with new reflections and insights.

By the way, we will again have the *Little White Book* available for Easter Time, so you can look forward to that again, too!

When will you be playing BINGO?

Have you played BINGO yet on Thursday nights, run by the Knights of Columbus, in our school auditorium? If not, will you be joining us soon? Think about it! It's important to support both the Knights of Columbus and OLPH parish by playing BINGO each week. Please come down and play.

Msgr. Hamilton's book

I want to give a plug to Msgr. Hamilton's book, *Jousting with the New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict*, which we announced at all the Masses and in the bulletin last weekend. Please do yourself a favor and purchase a copy of the book, available through Amazon.com. It's a fascinating read that gives insight into the important moral and religious questions of the last five decades as addressed by our own inimitable Msgr. Hamilton. The book is a collection of all his letters, both published and unpublished, to *The New York Times*. I am looking forward to reading it and I would like all of us to support Msgr. Hamilton in this venture.

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,



MEETING CONCERNING THE WELLWOOD AVENUE CHURCH ENTRANCE

On Tuesday evening, February 10, a meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church to discuss the Wellwood Avenue Entrance Project that Msgr. Joe mentioned to the parish some months ago. At this meeting, Msgr. Joe will present an overview of the project to make the Wellwood Avenue entrance both handicap accessible and more beautiful, and he and Deacon Tom Bast, who will be the Project Manager, will receive feedback and answer questions. As a result of the discussion and feedback at this meeting, a determination will be made as to the feasibility of the project. All parishioners are invited. In particular, those who have mentioned to Msgr. Joe that they may be able to provide assistance with the project should especially make every effort to attend. We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

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?

Is our ancient Church relevant to the 21st century?



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 _____@_____

Check the bulletin each week for more information about **upcoming Adult Faith Formation classes, including...**

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

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 - 1:00 P.M.—Church

OR

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

7:30 P.M.—Room 24

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

This course covers a basic understanding of the study of the Church's theology of liturgy. The course will also cover a basic understanding of the Liturgical Year, and will include an examination and discussion of key points from Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Instructor: Msgr. Joe

5 Thursdays—April 9 through May 7;

7:30—9:30 P.M.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

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

Classes will begin in the next few weeks!

For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.



LENT 2015

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 18, 2015. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes brand us with the sign of the cross — a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during the Easter season. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 17th and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.**

Please join in this meaningful gesture of community and solidarity as together we embark on our Lenten disciplines.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Save the dates...

**Monday, March 16 + Tuesday, March 17 +
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
7:30 P.M. + Church**



Abbreviated Retreat Presentation after 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.

SEWERS NEEDED!

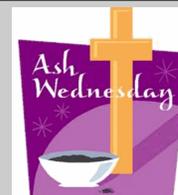
**Do you enjoy sewing and creating?
Is your sewing machine gathering dust?
We can use your creativity and sewing skills!**

We are in the process of adding fabric covers for our icons and statues for Easter.

Please call Mary Abbondola at 631.789.4945 or e-mail to queenspike@optonline.net to find out more about this upcoming project.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



6:30 A.M.— Mass
8:00 A.M.— Word Service
12:15 P.M.—Mass
4:15 P.M.—Word Service
5:30 P.M.—Word Service
7:30 P.M. — Mass

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT **ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Please take home a *Little Black Book* which contains daily reflections for the Lenten season. This book, following on the *Little Blue Book* which was so popular for Advent, will provide the opportunity for prayerful sacred reading for every day of Lent. Let God speak to you during this special and holy time of the liturgical year by taking a few minutes for quiet reflection using the *Little Black Book*.

Liturgy of the Hours **EVENING PRAYER** **Every Saturday and Sunday**

What can any one of us accomplish on our own in 10 minutes? Probably not much.

What can **God** accomplish in 10 minutes? More than we could ever imagine!

In just 10 minutes, you can pray the same prayer the entire Church all over the world prays at the end of each day, thanking God for all His blessings, and praying for His peace to reign in our hearts, in our families, and in the world.

Join us for 10 minutes, for Evening Prayer, every Saturday and Sunday after the 5 pm Mass.

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.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

Come and join...

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- *Are you someone who wants to use your gifts and talents, but can't make a commitment to a monthly meeting?*
- *Are you great at throwing together a little reception (with a little help)?*
- *Can you bake a dessert? Help with coffee? Shop at Costco?*

One of the ways we unite as parish is to come together for times of fellowship and hospitality. Our Hospitality Ministry works to bring people from all different walks of life in our parish together.

This is a great ministry for those who are not involved in the life of our parish and it can easily work around your schedule. This might also be good for some who are already involved. It's yet another way to share your gifts!

Contact Chris Ferris or Peggy McCloud at hospitality@oloph.org or leave a message at the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.

-Hebrews 13:2

Legion of Mary

YOU ARE INVITED: At this time of year the Church recognizes the important role of the Blessed Mother as OUR mother—our intercessor.

Why not become even closer to Our Lady by doing what our Mother asks of us—to **say the Rosary**? You can become part of her "Prayer Warriors" by joining the Legion of Mary.

All that is required (as an "auxiliary" of the Legion) is that you **say the Rosary** daily plus a few extra prayers (taking about 5 minutes). You do NOT have to say the Rosary as one unit but may break it up during your day.

If you'd like to be even closer to Our Lady, you are most welcome to join as an "active" Legionaire. This has the same prayer requirements as above BUT ALSO you would attend a weekly meeting and do a "spiritual work" each week.

Our meetings are on Wednesdays at 2:30PM in room 24 of the new school. You are welcome to visit us with no obligation to join.

For more information contact Louise (412-3831) or Marie (884-0562).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bingo

every Thursday night
in the school auditorium.

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

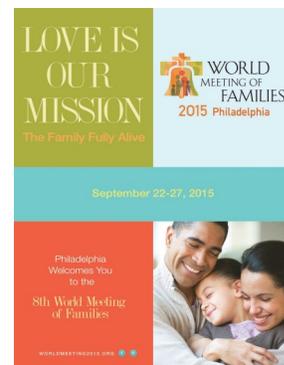
Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!
Specials, jackpots, and line bingo.
Coffee and cake are available.

ALL ABOUT FAMILY!

World Meeting of Families

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

As part of the preparation for the World Meeting of Families, our parish will present information each month about one of the themes of the meeting with some reflections by our own pastoral leaders. Follow the bulletin for more information.



For information about being a part of the World Meeting of Families, please contact Angela Garofalo of our parish's Family Life Ministry. She serves as our parish representative and can be contacted at (516) 445-9635 or e-mail to finestone@optonline.net.

Extraordinary Synod of Families

As you know, the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops was held in October 2014 with the theme: “The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” This Extraordinary Synod will be followed by the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 4-25, 2015 with the theme: “The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.” The final document from of the Extraordinary Synod, the Relatio Synodi, is the preparatory document or “Lineamenta” of the XIV Ordinary General Assembly. As is customary in the synod process, His Eminence, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, the General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops invites consultation on this topic to help with its preparation.

Contained within this Preparatory Document which was issued by the Holy See to begin this process is a series of questions. This document can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.html. It is also available by clicking on the “Synod of Bishops” icon on the index page of our diocesan website – drvc.org and at our parish website—www.olphlindhurst.org. Paper copies can be found on the pew ledges.

Bishop Murphy is welcoming responses to these questions from the faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. You are invited to read the entire document before responding.

If you choose to be part of this process, please remember that **only E-mail responses sent to synodofbishops@drvc.org will be accepted.**

Only E-mail responses that include the respondent's name and parish will be accepted.

Thank you in advance for **not** sending faxes, mailed, printed or handwritten documents. They will **not** be accepted. If you do not have e-mail, perhaps a friend or family member can mail your response in. No responses can be delivered here to OLPH. They must be sent to the e-mail above.

When responding, specific reference must be given to the question number. So, for instance, if one is responding to question 3 in the Preparatory Document, that fact should be clearly indicated in the response. **All responses must be received by March 13, 2015.**

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building
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 E-mail: religioused@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 2/8/2015

Religious Education Office Updates

REMINDERS

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

PARENT & CHILD WORKSHOP

All Level 3 parents and students have a special presentation on Prayer. During the workshop there will be an opportunity to experience three different types of prayer. The Legion of Mary will teach the students and the families about the Rosary. Msgr. Joe will lead a group on Prayer at Mealttime. April Kleinlaut will discuss with the students and their families the concept of everyday conversations with God as prayer.

MIDTERM MAKE UPS

Level 6 and 7 midterm make-ups will take place on February 11th.

CHASTITY

Level 8 rooms 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24 will view the presentation on Chastity.

WRAPPING UP LAST WEEK

Last Saturday, Msgr. Joe presented to our Level 4 parents about the importance of the Sacraments of Healing. Following the presentation, parents and students worked with their child's catechist on a follow-up activity.

Registration of new registrants has begun, but for those of us who need an actual time and date, **February 23** is our first official registration week. New registrants are: ALL CHILDREN, Public School, Homeschooled, or Catholic School, who will be in 1st grade in September 2015; AND all Public School students, all Home-schooled 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.

There will be no registrations accepted on Saturdays, so please plan ahead.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All current Religious Education families must re-register this year. This re-registration for continuing students will begin in April.

FAITH FORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, it is important that **all children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation, not only for sacrament-preparation years.**

- Children who attend **public school** attend our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

- Children who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their home-school curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OLPH SUPPORTING OTHERS

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

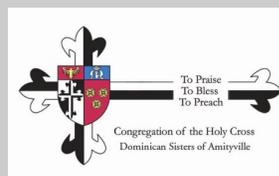
O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. 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. Amen.



Sisters of St. Dominic Irish Night Raffle Sales

Weekend of February 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.



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

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 the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

and supporting those in need!



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. Your "Living Memorial" donation will assist OLPH St. Vincent de Paul volunteers provide food, clothing, furniture, limited emergency financial assistance and offer information and referrals to social agencies.

The 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 – 12noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 x. 234.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

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

Join us **February 19, 2015**
in Room 24 (NEW LOCATION!)

Everyone is welcome.

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

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

How can you help?

Do you know a place where the homeless gather? A good place for the Van Ministry to visit? If so, please contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org so we can add a stop our weekly run.

If you're interested in offering your time to assist with this ministry, please contact Denise Redfern at dredfern@oloph.org. Beginning in Lent, we will be ready to welcome parishioners and ministries who are interested in making a van run.

If you would like to make a food (already prepared) donation, please contact Regina Muir at rmuir11@aol.com.

MIDDLE AGES

The Middle Ages will be helping with set up and hospitality at the *OLPH Mardi Gras Party* on **Tuesday, February 17th**. For additional information contact: Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449, or at gtonness@optonline.net.

NURSING MINISTRY

Save the date...

Wednesday Morning

February 25th

A presentation on Health Care Proxies, Living Wills and more presented by representatives of Catholic Health Services.

More information in next week's bulletin!

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.

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

Our next meetings will take place
TUESDAY - February 10, 2015
9:00 A.M. - Room 24

&

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)
New members are always welcome!

A NEW Parish Social Ministry Development...



After a number of discussions with members of the Homeless Van Ministry, the Parish Social Ministry coordinators, the Pastoral Staff and Msgr. DeGrocco, we have decided to explore the possibility of having a thrift store on site here at OLPH. We have received an overwhelming amount of clothes through our Homeless Van Ministry and seem to have developed good systems to work this out. This would also serve as an onsite resource for clients who come to St. Vincent de Paul. Finally, this may prove to be a good fundraiser for our parish's ministries.

If you think you might be interested in a project like this, let Fr. John know at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

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)

High School -

High Schoolers: Our next meeting is after the 5pm Mass today, **February 8th**. It's going to be a fun night as we talk about Love...but not just the mushy romantic kind. Be ready for obstacle courses, snacks, and fellowship. All 8th through 12th graders are welcome!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S VOCATIONS RETREAT

With Bishop William Murphy



Come, follow me!

Ages: High School and Up

This is a wonderful opportunity for any young man considering priesthood to take some time out for prayer and reflection.

SEMINARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HUNTINGTON NY

FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 15, 2015

MORE INFO: VOCATIONS@DRVC.ORG | 516-678-5800 x214



OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. The Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

Last year, over 100 middle and high school teens and college young adults assisted on projects ranging from the Blood Drive to various parish events to St. Bernard League, and assisting parishioners in need and more!

Here's how it works:

1. ANY middle school, high school and college aged students send their contact information to Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org (You do not need to already belong to any OLPH existing Youth Ministry groups.)
2. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
3. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

It really is that easy!!!

This is also a great way to **meet high school and middle school service requirements** as you are reaching out to those within our own local and parish community. By serving through the OLPH Youth Service Corps, you are also connecting and building relationships within our own OLPH community.

SIGN UP TODAY by completing the form below or e-mailing Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org

YES!!! Sign me up for the Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____
 Home Phone # _____
 Cell Phone # _____
 E-mail _____@_____
 In September, I will be in (check one) _____ Middle School
 (Grade _____) _____ High School (Grade _____) _____ College

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

Preparándonos con reflexiones previas para las lecturas del Domingo 15 de Febrero

Todo lo que hagan, háganlo por la gloria de Dios. Traten de ser amables con todos para provecho de los demás. Tomen a Cristo como su modelo. Que Jesucristo, el Señor, esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Levíticos 13,1-2. 44-46): Puros ante Dios

En el Antiguo Testamento, la gente estaba tan preocupada por su pureza exterior que, llevados por su celo, excluían de la comunidad cultural a personas con serias infecciones de la piel. --- Cristo insiste más bien en la pureza interior.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 10,31; 11,1): (Ver Segunda Lectura)

Todo lo que hagan, háganlo por la gloria de Dios. Traten de ser amables con todos

Evangelio (Marcos 1,40-45): El evangelio se nos proclama siempre por los pobres y los marginados. Nosotros seremos capaces de dar testimonio de el cuándo vivamos la misma situación, como individuos y como comunidad: Jesús Tocó al Leproso y Lo Curó. Para Jesús, los leprosos y los pecadores, no son ya marginados, sino personas a quienes tenemos que amar y a quienes, por amor de Dios, tenemos que reintegrar a la comunidad.

Alrededor de mil millones de personas vivirán en la pobreza extrema en el 2015 en todo el planeta, según las estimaciones de la ONU y del Banco Mundial difundidas en Bogotá, durante la conferencia sobre los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio invitando a todos los feligreses, al comienzo de cuaresma el miércoles de ceniza. Día de obligación.

OTHER DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Healing Mass** at St. Anastasia's Church, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston—Little Neck, NY, Tuesday, **February 10**, Rosary at 7:00pm followed by Mass & Healing service. For more information contact St. Anastasia's Church 718-631-4454.
- **Dominican Village—Independent Retirement Community**— Assisted Living Residence—Respite Care—**Open House**, February 12, 21 & 26; March 5, 12, & 26. For a tour contact 631-842-6091 or info@dominicanvillage.org.
- **St. Joseph's College Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life** presents “Is God's Charity Broad Enough for Bears?” with keynote speaker S. Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., Ph.D. distinguished Professor of Theology at Fordham Univ. Friday, **February 27** at the McGann Conference Center, St. Joseph's College, Patchogue. \$20 includes continental breakfast & lunch. For info and registration (*by Feb 10*) call 631-687-1496 or 631-687-2681.
- **Spiritual Care Companion**—Catholic Health Care Services of LI are sponsoring a three-weekend training with basic pastoral care skills information to become a caring, attentive, listening presence. Training includes communion skills, concerns for the sick and homebound, spiritual companioning, grief, death & dying, and how to care for the caregiver. Saturday, **February 28** (info session) 1:30-3:30pm, at the Catholic Health Services of LI, Melville, **March 14, 28 & April 11** (trainings) 9:15am -3:30pm (bring bag lunch) Contact Carol Cella 631-465-6307 or Christine Torns 631-465-6306 or Jo-Andrew D'Alessandro Accary 631-465-6308.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 9— Weekday in the Fifth week in Ordinary Time

6:30	Josephine & Alfred Pentenreider
12:15	Robert St. John
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, February 10— Saint Scholastica, Virgin

6:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:15	Giuseppe Lentini

WEDNESDAY, February 11— Weekday in the Fifth week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady of Lourdes)

6:30	John Clark
12:15	Joan Airolidi
12:45- 2:00	Exposition

THURSDAY, February 12— Weekday in the Fifth week in Ordinary Time

6:30	Virginia Crepeau
12:30	Bernadette Lyver

FRIDAY, February 13— Weekday in the Fifth week in Ordinary Time

6:30	Carmela Hugnagel
12:15	Peggy Cullen

SATURDAY, February 14— Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

8:00	The Savastano Family
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Vigil for SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, February 15 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30	Krste Kurta
8:00	Concetta Perrotta
9:30	Miriam Boss
11:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers
12:30	Santa & Joseph Cincotta
5:00	Edward F. Snediker

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 9, 2015

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 Meeting	St. Mark Rm
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy Rm
7:15 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	School
7:30 PM	Pre-Cana Reconciliation & Mass	Church

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/14
9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:15 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer Group	Room 16
7:30 PM	Parish Meeting re Church Entrance	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

8:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 14
12:45 PM	Adoration	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, February 12, 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
4:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 PM	Respect Life Meeting	Room 21
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, February 13, 2015

8:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/14
9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	Holy Name Society Meeting	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8:30 AM	Levels 1 -5 Religious Education	School
1:30 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
8:00 PM	Adoration/Holy Hour	Church

Sunday, February 15, 2015

8:00 AM	RCIA	Rm 16/18
1:30 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	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.

Second Time:

Scott Reyes & Yadira Peralta

WE REMEMBER

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

Maryann Colletti

“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.”

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of

February 1-7:

Altar Wine
In Honor of the
75th Birthday of
Josephine Gerardi
Requested by
Susan Bello

February 8-14:

Altar Bread & Wine
For the 25th Birthday of
Christina Rose Renna
Love,
Mom & Dad

Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



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...

*Peggy Curran
Marjorie Hildemann
Theresa Caltabiano
Josephine Senatore
Frank Raffanilli
Fran Brosan
Jane Petti
Vincenzo Rao
Joan Coffee
Roberta Chaplin
Patricia Grasso
Vincent Treanor
Bernadette Sinnott*

*Richard Brosan
Kathy Bonarewicz
Barbara Brunsdorf
Salvatore Cicala
Julia Cicala
James Mahaney
Jose M. Cevallos
Thomas Curtin, Sr.
Bernard Celestine
Roberta Pollacek
Carol Gilroy
Margaret Girgenti*

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.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK



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

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

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

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

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.

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 email then please call the Rectory and leave the information at 631-226-7725.

OFFERING UPDATE

January 31/February 1, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	362	151	\$3533.00
6:30 A.M.	81	26	919.00
8:00 A.M.	192	88	2166.00
9:30 A.M.	339	84	2055.00
11:00 A.M.	420	131	2885.00
12:30 P.M.	340	94	2300.00
5:00 P.M.	154	33	996.50
Total coin:			22.28
Mail-ins:			785.00
Children's Env.		23	108.78
Faith Direct			1954.00
TOTAL	1,888	630	\$17,724.56
2014 TOTAL	2,021	684	\$18,926.28
Candles			\$761.53
Poor Box			\$326.65

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.

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*.

Thank you for your cooperation.

AUTHOR'S COLUMN

From Msgr. Hamilton:

David S. Hamilton

Jousting With
The New York Times
1961-2014:
Worldviews in Radical Conflict

"A point and counter-point struggle with The Times Editorial Board on its religion-related editorials"



Co-publisher: An American Column
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New York, N.Y.

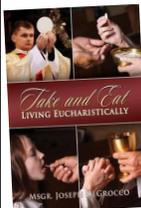
Dear Parishioners: I have published a new book – *Jousting With The New York Times, 1961-2014: Worldviews in Radical Conflict* – comprised of letters I have written to The Times in that period, some published then, others here for the first time – taking issue with their religion-related editorials. 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, beginning today.

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

From Msgr. DeGrocco....

Two of Msgr. Joe's books are available for purchase at the rectory.

Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically is a book of spiritual reflections about how we can deepen our participation in the celebration of Mass by focusing on the Eucharistic actions of taking, blessing, breaking and giving. It is an expansion of the Mission talk Msgr. Joe gives as part of the Parish Mission offered in parishes throughout the diocese with his classmates.



The Church at Worship collects Msgr. Joe's columns from *The Long Island Catholic* newspaper on the topic of liturgy. Written for a general parish audience, the book covers most of the major topics associated with the theology, spirituality and practice of parish liturgy, and each short chapter ends with discussion questions and references for further reading. It's a great and easy way to learn what liturgy is and should be all about.



Both books are available at discount prices of 10% off: *Take and Eat: Living Eucharistically* is on sale for \$8.00 (regular price \$8.95) and *The Church at Worship* is on sale for \$19.75 (regular price \$21.95). All checks should be made out to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and **all proceeds go to support the parish**. Thank you for supporting OLPH in this way!

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, February 15, 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
‘If you wish, you can make me clean.’”

-Mark 1:40

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

In the original Hebrew texts, the word *sāra'at* (translated as "leprosy") actually refers to not just one, but several chronic and enduring skin diseases in human beings. The reason why these conditions, and not other diseases, were considered unclean may be that they were quite visible, were associated with death, and were traditionally believed to be a punishment from God. Declaring persons “unclean” rendered them unfit for presence at the tabernacle in the worship of God, or even in their community.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul explains to the Corinthian Christians that in Christ, they are on the one hand free from any constraint upon what they may eat and drink, because everything God has created is good, but on the other hand, the exercise of their liberty must always have as its end the common good—that everything they do in their new lives in Christ should bring glory to God, in imitation of Christ Himself.

Mark 1:40-45

According to the Hebrew Scriptures, it is only God who is able to cure leprosy (Numbers 12:10–15; 2 Kings 5:1–14)—to make a person “clean” again. It is no wonder, then, that the report of Jesus’ healing of the leper spread rapidly and caused the crowds to gather wherever He went—or here was a man among them doing what only God could do!

Gospel Reflection Questions...

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1:40-45) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. “Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” If you come to Jesus with a problem, do you think he will be moved with pity and touch you in some healing way? Have you been healed in any way? Can you help heal those who are ailing around you? How can your scars help in healing others?

2. In his homily Thurs. Pope Francis spoke about the many people Jesus had cured like the leper in today's Gospel. How are those healings relevant for you today?

This is relevant today ... and so it is that every day, Jesus intercedes. When we, for one thing or the other, are feeling a little down, let us remember that it is He who prays for us, intercedes for us continually. So many times we forget this: Jesus ... but yes, it's finished, he's gone to heaven, sent us the Holy Spirit, the story's over. No! Even now, in every moment, Jesus intercedes. In this prayer: “Lord Jesus, only have mercy on me,” He intercedes for me. Turn to the Lord, asking for this intercession.



Readings for the Week

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

Monday, February 9, 2015:

Genesis 1:1-19 + Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10, 2015:

Genesis 1:20-2:4a + Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11, 2015:

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17+ Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12, 2015:

Genesis 2:18-25 + Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 13, 2015:

Genesis 3:1-8 + Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14, 2015:

Genesis 3:9-24 + Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15, 2015:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
+ 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
+ Mark 1:40-45

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