

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

Isaiah 55:1

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

OLPH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00 A.M.—12:15 P.M.

In the Auditorium



Each unit donated can help save up to five patients' lives:

To Be A Blood Donor You Must:

- Bring valid photo or signature ID
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16-75 (16 year olds must have parental consent available at www.nybloodcenter.org)
- Eat well and drink fluids prior to donating
- No tattoos for past 12 months unless applied in NJ.

To schedule an appointment:

Contact Regina Muir at 631.226-2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com to schedule your donation time.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP



Our Church and parish grounds look wonderful as they are filled with many signs of the Christmas season. As the Christmas season comes to a close today, what goes up must come down!

We need help TONIGHT (Sunday) at 6:15 P.M.

Help us return the Church to Ordinary Time! We need to take down the roping, put away the decorations, and reset the Church for a new liturgical season.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Celebrating Baptism Families

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes our liturgical season of Christmas Time, and tomorrow the Church returns to Ordinary Time. How appropriate that this Feast brings to completion the season of Christmas, because the Baptism of the Lord is one of the occasions of what's called "theophany," or a revelation or manifestation of the divine Sonship of Jesus. As we heard in our Gospel, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God at His Baptism as the heavens are torn open and the Spirit descends upon Him. The Father proclaims Jesus as the "beloved Son" in whom He is "well pleased."

However, today's Feast also reminds us about something very important concerning our own Baptism — namely, that through that sacrament we have been elevated to the status of sons and daughters of God, and the Father is "well pleased" with us when we live a life that is in union with Christ.

Do you know the date of your baptism? Do your children know the dates of their baptism? I know mine: September 24, 1961. (I know it not only because I am a liturgical nerd, but also because September 24 happens to have also been my father's birthday, so it's easy to remember!). Do you celebrate your baptism day? I think we often don't appreciate the radical nature of being baptized, insofar as that sacrament conforms us to Christ and brings about a union with Him that is never undone. Baptism completely changes a person's life forever!

How appropriate for us to be celebrating this Feast day by inviting families who celebrated a Baptism at OLPH during 2014 to the 11:00 a.m. Mass for a special blessing and for hospitality after the Mass. *Welcome, baptism families! Let's together rejoice and celebrate the great gift of being baptized into Christ!*

New Baptismal Font

As I wrote about last week, I am thrilled beyond words to have our new baptismal font, which, as you can now see, is a part of our worship space. Once again I offer, on behalf of all of you, our deepest gratitude and appreciation to **Gus Garofalo** who donated all the materials and labor to construct for us this new font. I think you'll agree with me: it is absolutely beautiful and stunning, and it's a worthy and dignified addition to our worship space. By all means, make sure you take a close look at it; perhaps say a prayer when you look at it or are near it: pray for the renewal of your own baptism, and pray for all who will be baptized at this font in the years ahead.

You'll notice that the font is octagonal (eight-sided) in shape. This is a deliberate theological statement.

There have actually been many different shapes for baptismal fonts throughout the centuries, with each shape highlighting a different aspect of the mystery and meaning of Baptism. We selected an octagonal (eight-sided) font in order to highlight the notion of the "Eighth Day." Theologically, Sunday is the first day, the day of creation, and Sunday is also the eighth day, the day of new creation, namely, the day Christ rose from the dead. Being baptized in an octagonal-shape font reminds us of the new life of Christ we receive when we are baptized, and of the new existence — the Kingdom of God — in which we live after we are baptized. We become new creations at baptism, children of the Resurrection!

Another interesting point about the new font is that Gus was able to use some of the marble from our old altar in constructing the font. The original hope was that the font could be made entirely out of that marble, but the condition of the marble made that impossible. Nonetheless, some of the marble of the old OLPH altar is in the font, providing a nice link between old and new.

How overjoyed we are to have our new baptismal font!

Saintly Sweepstakes Final Results

THE FINAL RESULTS ARE IN! Voting for the top six finalists to determine the new statue we will add to the church took place in December, and I have tabulated the ballots. In ascending order, the results are as follows: St. Jude—11 votes; St. Anthony—12 votes; St. John Paul II—21 votes; St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio") —23 votes; St. Francis of Assisi—30 votes; **and the winner is: St. Michael the Archangel—41 votes!** I think we have a clear winner, so, St. Michael the Archangel it is! Thanks to all who participated in our "Saintly Sweepstakes." I hope you enjoyed it!

I will work on getting a statue of St. Michael, and we will affix it to the western wall of the church, on the south side of the main entrance doors, and we will place a rack of votive candles there for your devotion and prayers. We hope to have this done within the next few weeks.

If you would like to memorialize this new statue, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sacraments for Children Celebrated in their Home Parish

I wish to call everyone's attention to an important diocesan policy which we follow here at OLPH. As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. For Baptism, this is already mentioned in Church law, which states that the Baptism

should take place in the home parish of the parents. This is just as important for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and it makes sense as to why. 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, it is important that **all children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, be registered with our Religious Education Office.** 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 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 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 Homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially in sacrament-preparation years.

Over the past year April Kleinlaut, our Coordinator of Faith Formation, and I have been working hard to make sure that all families are compliant with this policy. 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 them immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. If you have any questions about it, please feel free to contact me.

First Penance Continues This Week

Speaking of first sacraments, our celebration of First Penance continues this week with First Penance Services on Monday and Tuesday for children in Level 2 (second grade). It is always such a joyful occasion to have these young people celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness and love for the first time, and I know it is a significant moment in their faith life and in the life of their families. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers this week.

Blood Drive Next Sunday

Next Sunday is our OLPH Blood Drive! Please, please, please consider donating. The gift of blood is desperately needed and it SAVES LIVES! When you think about it, donating our blood is a very, very Christian thing to do as we share literally the gift of our life

with others. The drive runs from 8:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the school auditorium next Sunday, January 18. Information about scheduling an appointment can be found in the ad elsewhere in this bulletin. Please consider donating!

I wish to thank our Nursing Ministry, under the leadership of Regina Muir, for hosting and coordinating this Blood Drive. I hope that Blood Drives will become a regular part of the life of OLPH; it's a vital witness that we can give to the community.

New SUPER 72—Be Sure to Play!

Allow me to give a plug to the next round of our **SUPER 72 Raffle.** The **SUPER 72** has enjoyed much success in its first two rounds, and this third time around looks to be the same. The first drawing will be soon, so be sure to send in your tickets if you have not already done so. If you need tickets, they may be obtained at the Rectory or at Johnstons' Wellwood Funeral Home, and I once again express my gratitude to Johnstons' for their support of the parish by donating the printing of the tickets.

Remember, this round of the **SUPER 72** is "bigger and better than ever," with some added chances to win. Most importantly, this is an easy fund-raiser for the parish that really helps boost the income of the parish, so you are doing a great thing for OLPH by buying tickets — not to mention the fact that you might win some money for yourself! "*Such a bargain...*" 😊

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,



FAITH FORMATION

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



Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

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

Instructor: April Kleinlaut

Coordinator of Faith Formation, OLOPH Church

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

Time: 10:30am—12:30pm Place: Room 16

To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org

**BEGINS
THIS
WEEK!**

Yes, please sign me up!

Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH

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

Instructor: Fr. Alfred

5 Tuesdays: February 25— March 24; 7:30-9:30 P.M.

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.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † New Mother's Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255.3506—carolstys@verizon.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494 & Denise Segreto—631.220.0888

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED FRUIT

COFFEE

SHELF STABLE MILK

SOUP WITH MEAT

JELLO & PUDDING

PASTA SAUCE

PORK & BEANS

TUNA

SHAMPOO & SOAP

PAPER TOWELS

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of
Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Our parish is attending the *Annual March for Life* on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864.

A Free Will Offering of \$20.00 is requested to assist with the cost of the bus.

For those unable to attend the March, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer in the Church from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on the 22nd.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

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

January 15, 2015 in Room 16 (NEW LOCATION!)

Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

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

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Our Homeless Van Ministry is off and running...well, off and driving. Each Wednesday evening members of the parish minister to the local homeless providing practical resources (food, clothing, etc.) and support.

We are in need of donation of **waterproof/low temperature sleeping bags** and **hand warmers** (that skiers might use). **NO OTHER CLOTHING DONATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.**

If you're interested in offering your time to assist with this ministry, please contact Denise Redfern at dredfern@oloph.org. If you would like to make a food (already prepared) donation, please contact Regina Muir at rmuir11@aol.com.

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.

Our next meeting will take place

THIS TUESDAY - January 13

9:00 A.M. - Room 24

(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

New members are always welcome!

HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

**Do you desire to serve those in need
in our community?**

**We hope so—
because they need YOU!**

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of offerers to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Many of our present Vincentians are getting a little older and we are in need of women and men in our parish to come forward.

This is a wonderful ministry for those with free time during the day (perhaps who work part time or at night) and those who are actively retired. Maybe a great ministry for you???

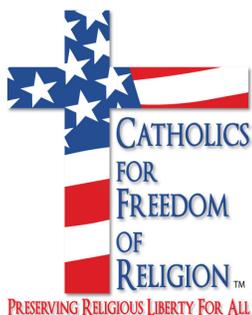
While the food pantry is part of our work, offerers are needed to work with individuals and families to assist them in identifying resources, linking them to other places of support and more. Training is provided.

Interested? Think you might be interested? Contact our St. Vincent de Paul Office and speak with Deborah Deasy, our President, at **631.226.7725, x. 234** or e-mail to stvincentdepaul@oloph.org

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Religious Freedom Sunday – TODAY—January 11, 2015

National Religious Freedom Day – This Friday, January 16, 2015



We Americans have long cherished our FREEDOMS. Because our founding fathers never forgot the religious and political persecution which forced their ancestors to flee to America, they protected FREEDOM OF RELIGION in our Constitution/Bill of Rights. It is listed as the FIRST of our freedoms. It states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"Freedom is not only a gift but a summons to personal responsibility ...it is a challenge held out to each generation, and it must constantly be won over for the cause of good." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2008 Pastoral Visit to the United States)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building
 Phone # 631.226.2384
 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.

Religious Education Office Updates

REMINDERS

First Penance for Session II & III is this week

Session II (10:00-11:00) will attend on Monday, January 12 at 4:30
 Session III (11:30-12:30) will attend on Tuesday, January 13 at 4:30

Saturday, January 17

Level 2 parents have parent and child workshops during child's session on January 17.
 Parents will be picking up communion banner kits this day as well.
 The \$50 communion fee is due at this time.

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 -

Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 27th at 7pm.
 All middle schoolers are invited to
 join us for a night of games, fun and a
 little faith. We will be collecting \$1 for
 our parish St. Vincent de Paul.



High School -

The first holy hour/dodgeball of the new year is Friday the 16th! Please email Brittany now at youth@oloph.org if you are interested in coming!

Our next high school night will be **Sunday the 18th** after the 5pm Mass. Please join us for Mass and then meet us in the auditorium for a great night!

Leadership group, our next meeting is **Sunday the 18th at 3:45!**

The high school youth ministry group will be sponsoring a PB & J gang on **Sunday the 25th** after the 12:30 Mass. We are in need of donations of sandwich bags, peanut butter, jelly, bread, gloves, and knives. This is a great event for everyone including middle schoolers and families! All are welcome!

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 para el domingo 18 de Enero del 2015.

VENGAN Y VEAN DICHA JESUS.

Primera Lectura (1 Samuel 3,3b-10. 19): Habla, Señor, Que Tu Siervo Escucha

El joven Samuel responde a la misteriosa llamada de Dios para entregarse enteramente a su servicio. Oh Padre del cielo, te pedimos que, cuando nos llamas en los acontecimientos de la vida diaria, tu Santo Espíritu no dé la actitud interior y la fortaleza para decir: "Señor, aquí estoy. Estoy dispuesto a hacer tu voluntad," unidos a Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 6,13b-15a. 17-20): El Cuerpo de Ustedes Es el Templo del Espíritu Santo
A los discípulos de Corinto, que viven en una ciudad portuaria con marcada inmoralidad sexual, San Pablo les dice: El cuerpo de ustedes es sagrado para Dios, ya que es templo del Espíritu Santo. Los cuerpos de ustedes son miembros que conforman el cuerpo de Cristo.

Todo el que se une al Señor forma un solo espíritu con él.

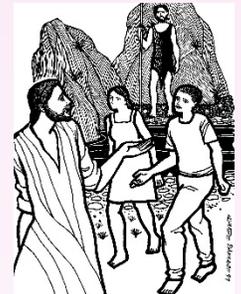
Utilicen su cuerpo para la gloria de Dios.

Evangelio (Juan 1,35-42): Vengan y Veán dice Jesús

Dos discípulos de Juan se encuentran con Jesús y él les llama a quedarse con él. En cuanto le conocen mejor, le seguirán. Aun antes de que pudiéramos conocerle, Dios nos llamó por nuestro nombre, al ser bautizados. Nos llamó a ser sus hijos e hijas y nos dio a cada uno de nosotros una tarea en la Iglesia. La vocación no se restringe sólo a sacerdotes y monjas, sino que hay un llamado dirigido a todos nosotros.

Este llamado nos llegó no sólo una vez, cuando nos hicimos hijos de Dios en el bautismo. Dios sigue llamándonos día tras día a vivir como hijos suyos y a trabajar por su reino. --- Las lecturas que escucharemos en esta celebración eucarística son palabra de Dios y llamado para nosotros hoy. El sacrificio que ofrecemos con Jesús nuestro Señor nos compromete a responder generosamente al llamado de amor de Dios.

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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.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE REMEMBER

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

***John Fairchild, Jr.
Keith Fitzpatrick***

“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 one week and are always mentioned in the bulletin.

Altar Bread &/or Wine



Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials. There are many dates still available!

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.

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...

<i>Peggy Curran</i>	<i>Vincenzo Rao</i>
<i>Marjorie Hildemann</i>	<i>Joan Coffee</i>
<i>Theresa Caltabiano</i>	<i>Roberta Chaplin</i>
<i>Josephine Senatore</i>	<i>Patricia Grasso</i>
<i>Frank Raffanilli</i>	<i>Vincent Treanor</i>
<i>Fran Brosan</i>	<i>Bernatte Sinnott</i>
<i>Jane Petti</i>	<i>Richard Brosan</i>

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.



TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

Lawrence Ruiz
Charles Francis Vargas
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Costa
Ms. Barbara Patak
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Roberts
Donna T. McDonnell
Peter Conte & Alicia Albano
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Padro
Mr. Timothy Erbig
Ms. April Yeomans
Mr. William Garcia

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, January 12— Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

6:30	Vincent A. Maddaloni
12:15	Ivanica Milanja
7:00	Novena

TUESDAY, January 13— Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30	Aniello Arpino
12:15	Ivan & Maria Milanja
4:30	First Penance

WEDNESDAY, January 14— Weekday

6:30	Kathy Spano
12:15	Robert Horan
12:45-2:00	Exposition

THURSDAY, January 15— Weekday

6:30	Rita Conefry
12:30	Vladimir & Lucia Pesa

FRIDAY, January 16 Weekday

6:30	Eileen Convery
12:15	Domenik & Maria Pesa

SATURDAY, January 17— Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00	Kathy Spano
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Vigil for SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	Constance Panessa
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Sunday, January 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30	Vincent McGuire & Nancy DiBisceglie
8:00	Annie Broekhuisen
9:30	For the People of the Parish
11:00	Living & Deceased Members of the Christian Mothers
12:30	Nicholas Vero
5:00	Kathy Spano

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 12, 2015

2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
4:30 P.M.	Level 2 Penance Celebration	Church
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee Meeting	St. Lucy
7:15 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	School

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Level 2 Penance Celebration	Church
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 4
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 15
7:30 PM	Reader Enrichment Session	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

10:30 AM	Adult Faith Formation	Room 16
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
8:30 PM	Homeless Van Ministry	Sci. Lab

Thursday, January 15, 2015

12 Noon	Golden Age Society	Room 16
4:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:15 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, January 16, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Room 1 & 2
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:30 AM	Levels 1 –5 Religious Education	School
10:00 AM		
11:30 AM		
10:00 AM	Special Education	School
1:30 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00 AM	Blood Drive	Auditorium
5:00 PM	RCIA/RCIC	Church/ Room 16/18
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

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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.

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OFFERING UPDATE**December 31/January 1, 2015**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	378	170	\$2,894.00
10:00 A.M.	260	100	1,780.00
12:15 P.M.	372	118	2,059.00
7:30 P.M.	107	28	508.00
Total Coins			19.35
TOTAL	1,117	416	\$7,260.35
2014 Total	1,080	412	\$7,089.00

January 3/4, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
Special Needs Mass	56	16	\$299.00
5:00 P.M.	335	120	2,694.00
6:30 A.M.	100	34	864.00
8:00 A.M.	201	82	2,106.00
9:30 A.M.	314	116	1,775.00
11:00 A.M.	410	186	3,329.00
12:30 P.M.	380	108	2,226.00
5:00 P.M.	255	71	2,247.50
Total coin:			27.21
Mail-ins:			1,399.00
Children's Env.		23	116.51
Faith Direct			3,163.78
TOTAL	2,051	756	\$20,247.00
2014 TOTAL	2,155	578	\$16,979.03
Candles			\$1,210.73
Poor Box			\$547.61
1st Saturday			\$128.88

REMINDER

ALL 2014 pledges for the *Catholic Ministries Appeal* must be paid by January 31st, 2015 to ensure that **OLPH receives the benefit of the rebate.**
Thank you for your cooperation.

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Have you purchased your Super 72 Raffles for this season?

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PREPARING FOR**Sunday, January 18, 2015***2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

“They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —,
“where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”

*John 1:38-39***1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

Son of Elkanah and Hannah, Samuel was born in answer to his mother’s prayers. In thanksgiving to the Lord, Hannah dedicated her son to His service, placing him in the care of Eli, high priest at the tabernacle at Shilo. The Lord revealed Himself to Samuel at a young age, and after Eli’s death, Samuel became a great prophet and judge of Israel, restoring law, order, and regular religious worship in the land. The Book of First Samuel chronicles the events leading from the obedient service of Samuel as prophet and the last of Israel’s judges, to the establishment of Israel’s monarchy, with God leading Samuel to anoint David as king.

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

The Greeks, in their philosophy, saw the soul as spiritual and pure, while the physical body was impure and not connected to a person’s true self. Therefore, one could participate in sexual immorality with the body without it polluting the soul. But Paul shows that there is not only a connection between the body and the soul, but that the body and soul of the believer are both also joined to those of Christ, and that one’s body and soul together constitute nothing less than the temple of the Holy Spirit.

John 1:35-42

Having testified that he is not the promised Messiah, John the Baptist directs his disciples to instead follow Jesus as the one they have been awaiting and looking for. In turn, each man whom Jesus subsequently calls to follow Him are identified as having been *found* by Jesus-- that is to say, Jesus had come seeking them out; that He knew them and had selected them before even meeting them face to face for the first time.

**Gospel Reflection Questions....**

After reading next Sunday’s Gospel (John 1:35-42) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Jesus asked, “What are you looking for?” How would you answer that question? The Gospel’s second loaded question: “Where are you staying” could be restated, “Where can we spend time with you?” Did the disciples find what they were looking for when they spent time with Jesus? What was that? Will it work for you?

2. In the light of what Pope Francis says below, discuss what the disciples might have heard when they answered Jesus’ call to “Come and See.”

That is why we tell everyone: “*Come and see!*” In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast ... “*Come and see!*”: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.”

Pope Francis, Easter Sunday, Urbi et Orbi message, April 22, 2014

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, January 12, 2015:

Hebrews 1:1-6 + Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13, 2015:

Hebrews 2:5-12 + Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14, 2015:

Hebrews 2:14-18 + Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15, 2015:

Hebrews 3:7-14 + Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 16, 2015:

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 + Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17, 2015:

Hebrews 4:12-16 + Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 18, 2015:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
+ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
+ John 1:35-42

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