

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*They were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”*

Mark 4:41

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 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.

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.

Fr. Ethel's Farewell Celebration

Thank You, Beloved Parishioners!

I wish to say a big thank you, dear beloved parishioners of OLPH, for your gracious presence, love and gifts during my stay here and at the farewell Mass/party last Sunday. Being my very first full parish pastoral assignment since I was ordained in 2001, I have special attachment, affection and love for this great parish family. How fast the moments of our lives pass! How fast the two years raced through!



Many thanks to Msgr. Joe, priests, deacons & the staff, indeed everyone for making me welcome among you. Indeed, love is a gift and I experienced it in your midst. Let's keep aiming high in Christ; together, let's keep bringing out the best in each other, and be the best we can be in Christ—keeping one another in prayers!
Fr. Ethel Anarado



PASTOR'S PAGE

Happy Father's Day!

I extend a "Happy Father's Day" greeting to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, fathers-to-be and to all men who are like fathers to others! The ritual prayer for the blessing of fathers in the *Book of Blessings* asks that we may always honor these men "with a spirit of profound respect." Certainly, to include expressions of deep gratitude and appreciation for all these men do for us and for all these men are for us is also most appropriate. Happy Father's Day!

Fr. Ethel's Transfer Effective This Week

On Wednesday of this week, June 24, Fr. Ethel's transfer to St. Joseph's in Babylon becomes effective. Please keep him in your prayers that day as he undergoes his transition into a new assignment. Because of an unusual situation, however, you may continue to see Fr. Ethel coming and going from OLPH for the summer. It turns out that his rooms at St. Joseph's will not become available until the end of August, so the Pastor there asked me if Fr. Ethel could continue to live here, and, since we have the room, I agreed. Fr. Ethel will not be ministering here or working at OLPH in any capacity as of June 24, and so will, in essence, be commuting back and forth to work at St. Joseph's each day. (How many of you can relate to that!) His residence will be here, though, for the summer, although he will be taking his vacation away during that time. It is expected that Fr. Ethel will be able to move out of OLPH and into St. Joseph's before the end of August.

Thank You to Rosaleen and George Walters

I must take a moment to mention that long-time and very-faithful-and-involved parishioners Rosaleen and George Walters have asked to step down from some of the ministries they are involved in here at OLPH. Rosaleen has been our coordinator for flowers and the liturgical environment and has been a member of the Liturgy Committee for the past three years; George has served for many, many years as an Usher. After such long and faithful service, they have asked to no longer serve in those ministries, although they will, of course, continue to be involved in the life of OLPH and we'll continue to see them at Mass. George and Rosaleen are past recipients of the diocesan St. Agnes Medal of Service Award. I thought it appropriate to take a moment to acknowledge their service and to thank them for all they have offered to OLPH. Who knows...they may not escape being asked to help out with something on an *ad hoc* basis!

Opinion Poll Concerning Proposals for New Mass Schedules

As of this writing, because of the usual early

deadline for bulletin submissions, we are still in the midst of collecting and reviewing the responses in the Opinion Poll we took at all the Masses last weekend, and so no information is available at this time. As I have explained, the Pastoral Staff will review the information and, using this Opinion Poll as one factor among several that have to be taken into consideration, we will make a decision in the weeks ahead. The final decision for the new Mass schedule will be announced; keep in mind that plans call for the new schedule to go into effect the first weekend in January, 2016.

Patronal Feast Mass, Saturday, June 27, 5:00 p.m.

June 27 is the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and therefore the Patronal Feast of our parish. This year, June 27 falls on a Saturday, so we're taking the 5:00 p.m. Mass that day and using that Mass as the occasion to celebrate our Patronal Feast, and also to celebrate our life together as a parish. We will honor the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at that Mass, and afterward we'll be offering refreshments and hospitality. It will be a joyous occasion.

Even if you do not regularly attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass, why not do so next weekend, so as to celebrate and share in our spirit of unity and festivity as a parish? Let's make it something special for all of us!

Coincidentally, three years ago, when I began my pastorate here at OLPH, June 27 was the transfer day for my arrival in the parish, so each year June 27 is special for me not only because it is the Patronal Feast, but also because it is the anniversary of the beginning of my ministry here. As I complete three years as your Pastor, I must share with you that I continue to be filled with a sense of gratitude and joy at the wonderful gift that has been given to me in being able to be here. The deep faith and overflowing generosity of the parishioners here continue to inspire me and urge me on to work hard and to do my best for you — because you deserve the best! I thank God each day for this assignment, and I pray for you each day. Together we have worked hard to make OLPH "the place to be," and I look forward to many more years as your Pastor. Please pray for me.

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,

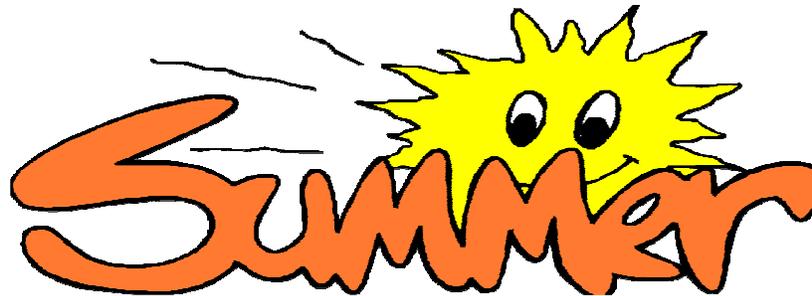
COME AND CELEBRATE!



Feast of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
SATURDAY, June 27, 2015
at the
5:00 P.M. Mass.

We will celebrate our life together as a parish community of faith and joy under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

We ask all parishioners to bring a donation of food for our food pantry.
Hospitality to follow after Mass on the plaza.



Evening Prayer
2015

Save the Dates...

July 13 + July 27

August 10 + August 24

Rectory Lawn

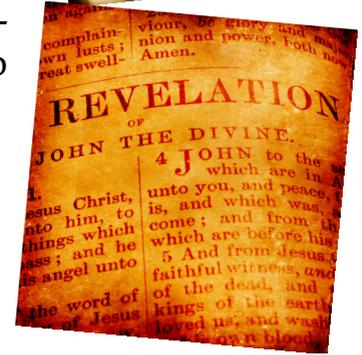
Interested in being a part of the committee of parishioners who help to organize our Summer Evening Prayer? If interested contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.

SUMMER SCHOOL!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Isaiah and Revelation"

In this course, we will try to read parts of two important books of the Christian Bible: Isaiah and Revelation. Though written in different contexts, these books give us visions of a New Creation brought about by God. Our focus will be on how to read an individual book (e.g. Isaiah, or Revelation) and on how to read two books in conversation with each other.



Tuesdays and Thursdays

July 14, 16, 21, 23 and 28

7:30 P.M.—9:30 P.M. in Room 18

Instructor: Fr. Jacob Onyumbwe

To register, contact Fr. John at jsureau@oloph.org or call 631.226.7725 or fill out the form below.

A \$20 Offering is requested to cover administrative and other related costs.

Isaiah and Revelation

Name _____
 Phone # _____
 E-Mail _____@_____

Return this form in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Journey Continues!

Please continue to pray for our parish's catechumens **Noel Andrade, Jayson Flores and Edwin Sanchez**, and our parish's candidates **Sandra Best, Jason Kalt, Lisa Sheets and Jamie Wittke** as they continue to discern God's call in their own lives. Each Sunday, they are sent forth after the homily to break open God's Word, learn about the major teachings of our faith and continue the journey towards full initiation in the life of the Church.



What about you or someone you know?

We are in the process of forming a new group of those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are not baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith, please contact Fr. John Sureau at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org to find out more about the process.

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Rita Pugh at 631.226.2083 or e-mail to: ritapugh351@yahoo.com. For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Rebecca Rama at 631.226.0505 or e-mail to g.btimes72@gmail.com.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Music Ministry Presents

Piano Solo Program

Jim Kendall, Pianist

Monday, June 29, 2015
7:30pm in the Church

A free will offering will be taken up for "Autism Speaks."
The concert is being given in memory of Ryan Barrett, a beloved member of
our community who died in August 2009.

PARISH LIFE & MINISTRY

Cookie & Cake bakers and drink makers NEEDED!



- *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!

Our Hospitality Ministry can use some hands and delicious donations in the weeks ahead, including:

- **Saturday Evening, June 27, 2015**—OLPH Celebration
- **Monday Evening, June 29, 2015**—Music Concert Reception

To find out more about these events and how you can help, contact Chris Ferris or Peggy McCloud at hospitality@oloph.org or leave a message at the Parish Office (631.226.7725).

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Father's Day Novena of Masses

Father's Day Novena of Masses cards and envelopes are now available throughout the church. The Father's Day Novena is a beautiful and meaningful way for you to include your father, grandfather, godfather, the father-to-be you know or any father you wish to remember, living or deceased, in the intentions of the Novena of Masses for Father's Day. Simply take an envelope, write in the name, and return the envelope with your donation, either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer if appropriate. Thank you.

PRAYER AND SOCIAL GATHERING FOR THE MINISTERS OF CONSOLATION DAY HAS BEEN CHANGED!

All who offer their time and talent in ANY capacity in the Ministry of Consolation are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship on **Thursday, June 25**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the church. This will be a great opportunity for all ministers of consolation to pray together, to socialize, to renew their commitment to the ministry and to be inspired once again as they are reminded of what an important ministry this is at OLPH. All ministers of consolation are urged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Way You Are Dressed DOES Matter!

Please dress appropriately for Mass during the summer months. Attire that is meant for the beach, barbecues, boat or athletic field is inappropriate for Mass and is disrespectful to the Lord as we offer ourselves to Him through the sacred actions in which we are engaged. It is also disrespectful to one's brothers and sisters in the community. Your cooperation in continuing to dress up and dress appropriately for Mass during the summer weather is appreciated.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

Prayer for Peace

Following Bishop Murphy's request, we are asked to pray this prayer privately, and we are encouraged to use this prayer as a part of all meetings and gatherings held here at OLPH.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice
and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and
defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always
over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!
(Pope Saint John XXIII)



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253
 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.

- **ALL CHILDREN WHO ARE PARISHIONERS OF OLPH** must be registered with the Religious Education Program. This applies to Public School children, all Homeschooled children and all Catholic School children.
- **ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS AND RE-REGISTRATIONS** are now taking place.
- **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 Homeschooled children, and all Catholic School students** currently in grades 1-7 who have not previously registered with the Religious Education Office. **Remember that sacraments are celebrated at the home parish of OLPH as mandated by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. A baptismal certificate is required!**
- **All Families intending to have their children continue with OLPH need to submit payment. This is a change from previous years where we had "book pick-up" throughout the month of September.**
- Payment will be taken in the forms of check, cash or debit card. Payments must be made in person. The Religious Education office is located at 240 S. Wellwood Ave. in the Faith Formation Center (formerly the OLPH School building).
- **At this point, we can no longer accept teacher or time change requests unless there are extenuating circumstances.**
- Re-registrations will not be taken after **July 1, 2015**.
- The **non-refundable** registration fees, which includes the \$25 late fee for the 2015/2016 year will be:

\$145 for one child	\$175 for two children	\$200 for three or more children
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Our office hours are:

Mondays	9:00-5:00 p.m;	Tuesdays	9:00-1:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	3:00-8:30 p.m.	Thursdays	9:00-2:00 p.m.
Fridays	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Saturdays	8:00-12:30 p.m.

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER July 1, 2015.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
 but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love,
 in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Are you in Grades 9– 12?
 Are you interested in receiving
 your Confirmation?

No matter the reason why you have not received this sacrament, you are welcome to a Teen Faith Formation class beginning in the Fall. Call the Faith Formation Office at (631)226-7725 or email ReligiousEd@OLOPH.org for more information.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Faith: the Next Generation – Pass It On!

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! *This fall, over 1150 children and young people, Levels 1 through 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith.* At this time, over 120 of these children and young people have no catechist to teach them. You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, “Children are like wet cement, whatever falls on them makes an impression.” We provide you with training, materials, and support.

If interested or for more information, contact ReligiousEd@oloph.org or call (631) 226-7725

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 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

SUMMER 2015!!!!

OLPH Vacation Bible Camp



Take your kids back to Hometown Nazareth where they'll spend a week at OLPH of fun, faith, friendship and family!

Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24, 2015
9 A.M. to 12 Noon

**NEW
MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMPONENT
ADDED BELOW!**

CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

(Camp is for Nursery age—approximately age 4 — through Grade 5)
Return form to Parish Office with a check for \$65 per child.
Please make checks payable to OLPH.
(Two children: only \$120; Three children: \$165)

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Level (in September 2015) _____

Full Names of Parents/Guardians _____

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): _____

Home E-mail _____@_____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Parish (if not OLPH) _____

T-Shirt Size XS S M L XL

Emergency Contact Person

Name _____ Phone # _____

Office Use Only
Date Received _____
Amount Received: _____
Ck # _____
Cash _____

Please indicate any health problems, food allergies and special situations that might be helpful for the camp staff to know about your child in a separate note attached to this form. You will receive a letter with more specific information on or about June 30, 2015.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPONENT
For students entering Grade 6, 7 and 8
This part of Bible camp is just for you! You will enter into a special week of fun, faith, service and sharing your gifts with the larger camp. You will not be a counselor but will help, at times, with the younger kids. The fee for this part of Bible Camp is only \$15.00 as you will work at part of the camp. Fill out the form above for students entering Grades 6, 7 and 8.

OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

OFFERER SIGN UP FORM



We need offerers of all ages – from middle school to high school to young adult to adult – to make Hometown Nazareth come alive!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

For Youth Offerers:

Grade in school (Sept.) ____

Name of school _____

T-shirt size:

Youth OR Adult

S M L XL

Youth offerers must attend each day of camp (July 20-24). There is a **\$15 fee** for all youth offerers/camp counselors to cover the cost of supplies!

For Adult Offerers:

Are you VIRTUS TRAINED?

___YES ___NO

T-shirt size: S M L XL

What areas can you specifically help us in?

___Arts and Crafts

___Fun and Games

___Hospitality

___Set Up/Decorating (Would take place prior to camp beginning)

___First Aid

___I'll do whatever is needed.

OFFERER APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2015

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripaldal@verizon.net.
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182
- † 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
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: 631.226.7725
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

CANNED FRUIT
COFFEE/TEA
CEREALS
GRANOLA BARS
MACARONI & CHEESE
CANNED MEALS
CANNED MEATS
SMALL PKGS. RICE
INSTANT POTATOES
PORK & BEANS
SUGAR—small boxes
PAPER TOWELS

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in the “New” School Building
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of
 Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

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

Saturday 1:30–3:00 P.M.

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples, “Why are you lacking in faith?” In our life’s journey, we also must learn to believe in God’s presence and to trust in his care.

This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.



SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9am –12noon Monday, Wednesday and 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!*

COORDINATORS MEETING

A meeting of all leaders/coordinators of parish social ministries will take place this Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Lucy Meeting Room.

DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry seeks to assist parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. If and when possible, a member of our Driving Ministry will assist you (or your family member in our parish).

If you or someone you love is in need of a ride contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182.

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

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

Join us for a time of Bingo, socializing and fun!

July 2, 2015

in Room 24. Everyone is welcome.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

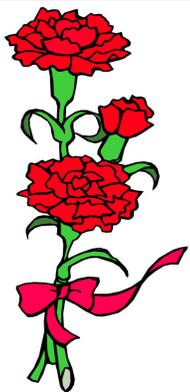
The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. All are welcome!

Our next meeting is **June 23rd** at Venetian Shores Beach for readings by the bay.

ST. BERNARD LEAGUE

Our St. Bernard League is looking for someone who is a good coordinator! Skills needed: energy, organization, persistence, some computer skills and a great desire to help the seniors and disabled in our community.

Contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or
e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org for more info.



Thank You!

CARNATION SALE

Birthright & the OLPH Respect Life Committee thank our most generous parishioners for their donations during our carnation sale.

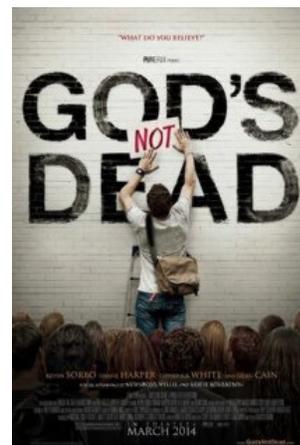
We sold 1650 carnations (at \$1 each) BUT donated a total of **\$1910.21**.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Catholics for Freedom of Religion FREE MOVIE NIGHT

“God’s Not Dead”

(The film follows an evangelical Christian college student whose faith is challenged by a philosophy professor who declares God a pre-scientific fiction.)



Presented by OLPH/
Catholics for Freedom of Religion.

Friday, June 26th at 7:00 P.M. in the School Auditorium. Please join us for movie night and camaraderie. Free popcorn. 50¢ beverages will be available. Super Big Raffle!

Have you returned your Summer Appeal envelope yet?

**Thank you
for your generosity!**



OUR LOVE PROVIDES HOPE

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Our Homeless Van Ministry continues to serve those in need in our community. As the summer months are upon us, we are in need of the following items:

- New or Gently Used Bibles and Prayer Books
- Socks
- Men's Underwear (New ONLY; no extra-large)
- Nutritional/Protein Bars
- New or Gently Used Baseball Caps
- Sunscreen
- Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks
- Water
- Insect Repellent
- New or Gently Used Backpacks
- \$ 5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, etc.

Summer is a great time to get involved and to learn more about the Homeless Van Ministry! Would you like to make a run or find out some details about how you and/or a ministry you are involved in can become involved? Reach out to Tony Spina at 516.473.4021 or e-mail to apspina@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY MEAL

Our Community Meal ministry seeks to provide a place of welcome, hospitality and fellowship for those in need in our local community. Members of the parish prepare meals, serve them and spend time with the guests who visit.

We have offered two community meals so far and over 50 people have joined our table. What a blessing for our parish community!



Are you interested in working on a project like this for those in need in our parish community? Are you a cook, caterer, great waiter or waitress, cleaner, organizer? Would this be something a group or ministry you are involved with like to help with? We offer the meal one Sunday a month. Each meal requires individuals or groups to set up, prepare meals, serve, clean up, etc. (different groups/individuals for each part). For more information, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org and he will direct you to the appropriate members of the ministry

THRIFT SHOP

The workings of our parish thrift shop are underway. Committees of people are meeting and beginning to plan out the details. Our tentative plan is to open up in the Fall.

Check these pages in the bulletin for more information about items that will be needed. We will likely begin collecting items in the late summer.

We are also in need of additional offerers to help carry out the work of the Thrift Shop. For more information contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org.



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 la sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicios 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: lane-gra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 21 de junio del 2015.

Primera Lectura: Dios Habla desde el Corazón de la Tempestad (Job 38:1,8-11)

Las respuestas de Dios a Job, cuando éste le implora en sus sufrimientos, son: “Fíjate en mi poder y confía en mí, aun cuando no entiendas”.

Segunda Lectura: Ahora Todo es Nuevo (2 Corintios 5:14-17)

El amor de Cristo nos mueve hacia adelante, pues en él hemos llegado a ser totalmente nuevos y renunciamos a nuestra vieja conducta.

Evangelio: Pero ¿Quién es Éste? (Marcos 4:35-41)

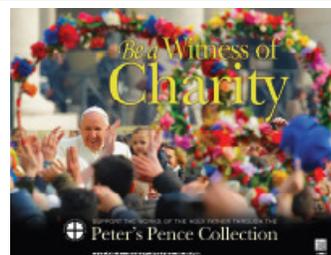
El miedo hace tambalear la débil fe de los discípulos cuando experimentan serio peligro. También a nosotros nos pregunta Jesús: “¿Por qué tienen miedo? ¿Por qué es tan débil su fe?” dicen los discípulos, quien es este que hasta los vientos le obedecen.

En estas escrituras Cristo nos enseña que todas las tempestades y los miedos provienen de nuestra falta de fe. Porque no hemos comprendido “quien es este”. Este es el verdadero motivo por el cual sufrimos tanto. Pero Jesús responde, con asombro ¿cómo no tienen fe-? con la fe en él se supera todo, si nuestra fe no estuviera dormida nos diéramos cuenta que Cristo está despierto y actuando en nuestra vida. Hay que notar también una cosa: en la ausencia del señor, los discípulos siempre se hayan en problemas.

El mensaje es un llamamiento a la fe, un mensaje de esperanza segura precisamente en medio de las dificultades. Nos dice Jesús animo yo he Vencido al mundo. ¿Cuál es tu dificultad hoy?, cual quiera que esta sea, despierta a Jesús él está más cerca de lo que tu e imaginas.

La semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana, nuestra diócesis llevará a cabo la Colecta Peter's Pence, la cual le proporciona al Santo Padre los fondos que necesita para realizar sus más importantes labores caritativas. Lo recaudado en la Colecta beneficia a los más necesitados: a las víctimas de guerra, de opresión y de desastres naturales. Por medio de su generosidad, estaremos esparciendo la paz de Cristo por el mundo.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Third Time:

Keith Powell & Nicole Hellmers

Robert Costello & Kaitlin Huber

Andrew Belding & Stacy Pinero

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.

-Rite of Baptism

*James Kenneth Ropenus
Christian Emmanuel Adames
Jackson Daniel Capriola
Lucian Kalel Celano
Aubrey Ella-Albertine Dalton
Santino Biagio Dileso
Grayson Ethan Martin
Colton Liam Phillips
Adriana Joia Watson*

**We welcome the newest members
of the Catholic community
here at OLPH!**



WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Colleen Ullmer</i>	<i>Michelle Biehn</i>
<i>Alice Weckerle</i>	<i>Gordon Hinds</i>
<i>Joan Cox</i>	<i>Donna Catlan</i>
<i>Stephen Knapp</i>	<i>Aileen Passanisi</i>
<i>Marie Haack</i>	<i>Peggy Curran</i>
<i>Peter Masak</i>	<i>Patricia Grasso</i>
<i>Charles Lovascio</i>	<i>Robert Santiago</i>
<i>Josephine Ferraro</i>	<i>Theresa Cultabiano</i>
<i>Felica Losdon</i>	<i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i>
<i>Gary Levitt</i>	<i>Anthony Calise</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Rosemary DeMartino</i>
<i>Dorothy Hritsko</i>	<i>Teresa Smith</i>
<i>John Hritsko</i>	<i>Terry Meiners</i>
<i>Victoria Trachte</i>	<i>Kaylin Zimms</i>
<i>James Rigney, Jr</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.

WE REMEMBER

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

*Frank Grasso
Gertrude Sacripante
Joseph Libertella*

"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

June 21-27:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Millie Criscuolo

Requested by

Frank Criscuolo

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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, June 22—

Weekday

*(St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
St. John Fisher, Bishop & St. Thomas More, Martyrs)*

6:30	John Beihl
12:15	Father's Day Novena
7:00	Devotions

TUESDAY, June 23—

Weekday

6:30	Father's Day Novena
12:15	The Savastano Family

WEDNESDAY, June 24—

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

6:30	Arlene Ann Sredniawski
12:15	Father's Day Novena
12:45	Exposition

THURSDAY, June 25—

Weekday

6:30	Father's Day Novena
12:15	Arthur & Loretta Clemens

FRIDAY, June 26—

Weekday

6:30	Frances M. Pellarin
12:15	Father's Day Novena

SATURDAY, June 27—

Weekday

(Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00	Father's Day Novena
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

Vigil for

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00	For the People of the Parish
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Sunday, June 28

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30	The Savastano Family
8:00	John Squicciarini
9:30	Evelina Kulikovskiy
11:00	Stefano Gentile
12:30	Joseph Aliano
5:00	Father's Day Novena

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 22, 2015

2:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Room 24
7:00 PM	Devotions	Church
7:00 PM	Parish Social Ministry Coordinator's Meeting	St. Lucy
7:30 PM	VBC Planning Meeting	Room 10

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
9:00 AM	Senior Moments	Room 24
4:00 PM	Court of Honor: Patrick Gracey	Auditorium
7:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer Group	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

12:45	Adoration	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

Thursday, June 25, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Ministry of Consolation Evening Prayer & Social	Church & St. Lucy Room
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, June 26, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
7:00 PM	Catholics for Freedom of Religion Movie: "God is not Dead"	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young Adults)	Room 24

Saturday, June 27, 2015

1:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Open	Room 24
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

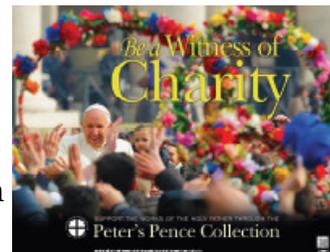
Sunday, June 28, 2015

	Catholics For Freedom of Religion: Video Clips (After all Masses)	Auditorium
8:00AM	RCIA/RCIC	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 PM	Holy Hour for Peace	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

June 13/14 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	286	115	\$2,502.00
6:30 A.M.	115	42	1,253.00
8:00 A.M.	269	112	2,168.00
9:30 A.M.	355	88	1,882.00
11:00 A.M.	395	125	2,479.00
12:30 P.M.	380	92	1,862.00
5:00 P.M.	167	31	1,212.50
Total coin:			16.60
Mail-ins:			568.00
Children's		11	47.90
Faith Direct			2,206.80
TOTAL	1,967	616	\$16,197.80
2014 TOTAL	1,980	641	\$18,126.05
Candles			\$931.20
Poor Box			\$335.52

Next week our diocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.



Our next drawing for the **SUPER 72 RAFFLE**

will be here before you know it and it's time to get your new tickets! If you are not registered you can still get tickets at the rectory office and at Johnston's Funeral Home who sponsored the ticket printing.

Remember....buy two tickets for \$80 get a third ticket free.

\$40 each "3 for \$80"

You can't win it if you're not in it!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUMMER FUN



Monday, July 27th – 9:30 am

Tickets: \$29 each

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Saturday, September 12th

Cap Day

Tickets: \$90 includes bus

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PREPARING FOR June 28, 2015 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*He took the child by the hand and said to her,
“Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”*

Mark 5:41

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

While the identity of the author of the Book of Wisdom and the exact time of its writing continue to be debated, its message is clear: that it is sin which both separates mankind from God and has robbed us of our intended immortality—having been created in the image and likeness of the Eternal God. Those who are wise will persevere in righteousness, even as the wicked seem to prosper and oppress them. Like righteousness itself, which is “undying,” the righteous will be rewarded with immortality, while the wicked, who by their works “invite death,” will perish.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul exhorts and encourages the Corinthian Christians to give out of their surplus so that those who are in need may have enough. The Lord Jesus is the personification of this act of generosity in the complete gift of Himself, “becoming poor so that we could become rich,” becoming like us so we could become like Him. Paul also explains that justice was always God’s plan for His chosen people, as God Himself had shown them in the wilderness through the miraculous provision of manna: that they received not according to what each one was able to gather, but according to each one’s need (Exodus 16:18).

Mark 5:21-43

Just as He became sin for us on the Cross, here Jesus allows Himself to become ritually unclean in order to restore others to wholeness. In an act of faith, Jairus asks Jesus to lay hands on His sick daughter in order to cure her. Even though the young girl dies, Jesus still honors Jairus’ request, in taking her by the hand (the dead were considered unclean). Jairus’ faith stands in contrast to the lack of faith of the entire crowd—with one exception: the woman who dared to believe that Jesus could cure her. As she knew she was considered unclean, she only dared to touch the hem of His garment.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, June 22, 2015:

Genesis 12:1-9 + Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 23, 2015:

Genesis 13:2, 5-18
+ Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24, 2015:

Isaiah 49:1-6 + Acts 13:22-26
+ Luke 1:57-66, 80

Thursday, June 25, 2015:

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16
+ Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 26, 2015:

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
+ Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27, 2015:

Genesis 18:1-15
+ Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
+ 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
+ Matthew 5:21-43

Gospel Reflection Questions....

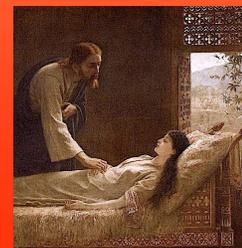
After reading next Sunday’s readings and Gospel, take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Was the woman with the hemorrhage shunned by others? Are there still people today who are avoided because of diseases? What about women who are oppressed in some cultures? Do children die because of malnutrition and disease in third world countries? What kinds of miracles or what kinds of small acts can you perform in Jesus’ name to alleviate suffering?

2. Pope Francis mentions the woman with the hemorrhage in his homily about “first encounters” with Jesus. How would you answer the questions Francis asks you below? ... The “first encounter” with Jesus—(is) the encounter that “changes the life” of those who meet Him: John and Andrew, who stayed with the Master throughout the night; Simon who immediately became “the rock” of the new community; and then the Samaritan, the leper who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, the sick woman who was healed when she touched Christ’s tunic: these are decisive encounters that should prompt a Christian to never forget his own first encounter with Christ.

He never forgets, but we forget the encounter with Christ. And this would be a good assignment to do at home, to consider: ‘When have I really felt that the Lord was close to me? When have I felt the need to change my life, or to become better, or to forgive someone? When have I felt the Lord asking something of me? When have I encountered the Lord?’ Because our faith is an encounter with Jesus. This is the foundation of our faith: I have encountered Jesus, as Saul did.”

Mass at Casa Santa Marta, April 24, 2015





A Sign of Our Belonging

Greetings as we continue to enjoy the summer!

When we think of praying, we often think we need many words. But God knows our intentions and the longings of our heart. A simple Sign of the Cross at the beginning and the end of the day affirms that we know to whom we belong, and the power given to live our lives in the sacraments.

We make the Sign of the Cross, and as we do so, we say silently or aloud, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." This gesture dedicates us and everything we do in our lives to the glory of God. We embrace with confidence our Father's love, invite into our hearts the grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and invoke the power of the Spirit, which was sent upon us in our Baptism and Confirmation.

Model confidence with the Sign of the Cross by beginning prayers with it.

Baptism is the place from which this powerful gesture emanates. At the mountain in Galilee, Jesus said to his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). In the baptismal rite, the priest traces the Sign of the Cross on the infant's (or child's or adult's) forehead, and invites the parents and the godparents to do the same. This powerful gesture of welcome will be repeated after the immersion in water when Chrism is used to anoint the newly baptized. The prayer affirms that "you may remain for ever a member of Christ, who is Priest, Prophet, and King."

Incorporating the Sign of the Cross, which both affirms our Baptism and recalls it, into daily life can be a powerful source of blessing. Consider signing your children's foreheads with the Sign of the Cross as they complete their bedtime prayers. Sign them as they head out to the school bus, or on days that seem hard or challenging, such as when they are facing a test or a tryout for a sport or extracurricular activity. Model confidence with the Sign of the Cross by beginning



your prayers with it, even if you are saying grace in a public setting. Invite your children to sign you if they are with you in a period of difficulty or sadness. All are blessed, and all can impart blessing!

Just as our liturgical prayer is bookended by the Sign of the Cross, so are our lives. When we receive the Anointing of the Sick, we are again signed with holy oil (the oil of the sick). Although not formally part of a ritual, many family members make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of their beloved dead before a casket is closed for the last time. As we had put on Christ in Baptism for our earthly life, now we have put on Christ for our eternal life with him.

The sign of his Cross, scribed on our bodies in this simple gesture, reminds us of who we are and to whom we belong.

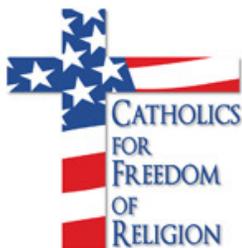
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