

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14-15

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 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.

# PARISH LENTEN MISSION

*Loving God Gladly*

# THIS WEEK!

## **Monday, March 16, 2015**

*“God’s Love in Jesus Brings True Joy!”*

12:15 P.M.—Mini Mission at Mass

7:30 P.M.—Mission Talk

## **Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

*“God’s Mercy Restores the Joy of Our Youth!”*

12:15 P.M.—Mini Mission at Mass

7:30 P.M.—Mission Talk (including Penance Service)

## **Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

*“God’s Healing Brings New Hope!”*

12:15 P.M.—Mini Mission at Mass

7:30 P.M.—Mission Talk

*Followed by Hospitality in the Auditorium*

*If you can bring a dessert, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 or e-mail [hospitality@oloph.org](mailto:hospitality@oloph.org).*

*Conducted by*

**Fr. Kevin Cronin, O.F.M.**

**Ministry of the Word**

**Holy Name Province (U.S.A.)**

**Order of Friars Minor**



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and gravity of the many weeks of intense preparation for Easter. Hence, today is called "*Laetare Sunday*," a name that comes from the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass: "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*" (cf. Isaiah 66:10-11) Rose-colored vestments may be worn, although the *Glory to God in the highest* is still omitted.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass gives voice to this point in our Lenten journey and the fact that the Paschal celebrations are now within sight, so to speak; in that prayer, we asked that God will grant "*that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.*"

Do you think of yourself as "hastening toward the solemn celebrations to come?" Even in the midst of your Lenten practices, is there an undercurrent of joy because of the celebration of new life and union with the Lord to which we are headed? What new joy and new life have you already begun to experience as a result of your Lenten journey so far?

### *Parish Mission: Welcome, Fr. Kevin Cronin!*

We're all going on retreat this week! This weekend we welcome Fr. Kevin Cronin, ofm, who will be leading our Parish Lenten Mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16, 17 and 18. As you know, Fr. Kevin is preaching at all the Masses this weekend to introduce himself and the Mission and to encourage everyone to attend.

I hope you will make it a priority to attend. We have cancelled all parish activities so that no other endeavors may compete with the Mission. This will be an important time of spiritual growth and renewal, and I urge everyone to come and be a part of the parish Mission.

Welcome, Fr. Kevin!!!

### *St. Michael Statue*

Our St. Michael the Archangel statue has arrived!!! As you will recall, St. Michael was the winner in our "Saintly Sweepstakes." As I write this, plans call for the statue to be installed on Thursday of this week, March 12; by the time you read this, you will be able to see if those plans came to fruition or if there was some glitch in the process. (If there was a glitch, the statue will be installed just as soon as possible.) I hope people find this statue to be beneficial to their prayer and spirituality as they pray to St. Michael and as they light candles as a sign of their prayer and devotion to him. I think it makes a great addition to our

church!

I am extremely grateful to life-long parishioner **Louise Perrotta** who has so generously donated the statue. **Thank you, thank you, thank you, Louise!** She has donated the statue **In Loving Memory of the Perrotta and Brancato Families**, so please remember to keep that intention in your prayers as you pray at the St. Michael statue.

### *Robert Becker is Becoming an Acolyte*

As many of you know, Robert Becker is in formation to become a Deacon. Robert is active in our parish most visibly as a Reader, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and as a member of our Liturgy Committee. In addition, Robert is the Coordinator of our parish Readers, and he and his wife Carmel are involved in the Wedding Rehearsal Ministry. This coming Saturday, March 21, Robert will take an important step in the process to receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders, as he will be formally instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte.

A man who is preparing for Holy Orders must be formally instituted by the Bishop in the two ministries of Lector (which Robert received last year) and Acolyte. An Acolyte is instituted for service at the altar and to assist the Priest and Deacon. More than just being appointed to mere functioning, there is a very deep spirituality associated with this ministry that is an integral part of a man's formation toward ordination. The instruction given in the Rite of Institution of Acolytes explains what this spirituality entails: "*Because you are specially called to this ministry, you should strive to live more fully by the Lord's Sacrifice and to be molded more perfectly in its likeness. You should seek to understand the deep spiritual meaning of what you do, so that you may offer yourselves daily to God as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Jesus Christ.*"

I offer those words not only so that we might all have an insight into the spiritual formation of a man preparing for Holy Orders, but because there is a sense in which those words apply to all of us who participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Robert will begin serving as a vested Acolyte (wearing an alb) at weekend Masses. As you see him at Mass in this role, please pray for him as he continues his journey toward ordination as a Deacon. I am thankful to Robert for the offering he is making to the parish, and to his family for the sacrifices they have made and will continue to make along the way. We look forward to Robert's ordination as a Deacon in the Spring of 2016!

### ***Catholic Ministries Appeal Phone Phase***

We are doing well in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, and I am grateful to all who have made a pledge so far. One of our big goals this year is to increase the number of parishioners who participate. Last year there were 648 donors, but we have close to 6,000 families registered in our parish, so we will be working to get the number of participants to be higher. Toward that end, we are instituting a more comprehensive Phone Phase for the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and at the end of this week and the beginning of next week we will be making calls to parishioners who have not yet given to the Appeal. Since we receive back 80% of all monies collected over our goal, this can represent a source of much-needed income for OLPH. I thank you in advance for your welcome of these phone calls should you receive one. I also thank Meg Danaher, a member of our Finance Committee, who has offered to coordinate this Phone Phase.

### ***Finance Committee Presentation***

Last weekend's presentation on Social Security sponsored by the Finance Committee was a huge success, with many more people than expected attending. It was informative and engaging, and the information was very well received. I call your attention to the second session in this series which is being presented today (Sunday, March 15) at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium on the topic of Charitable Giving. Please make every effort to attend. Thanks to the Finance Committee for this service to the parish!

### ***Assisted Suicide: Catholics Need to Speak Out***

I need now to take a few minutes to address a very serious topic with you. Catholics in the State of New York, particularly those of us on Long Island, should be very alarmed by movements in our State which are promoting legalized assisted suicide. We must work together to educate, inform and encourage one another to engage actively in pushing back any legislation which compromises the gift of life.

In the weeks ahead there will be further information and "talking points" listed which highlight the dangerous movement in New York State to legalize assisted suicide. Such legalization demeans the dignity of life and is a double-standard that targets the most vulnerable among us, making it seem as though people with terminal illnesses are less valuable as human beings and as though they are a burden to society and an inconvenience to others. Such thinking, and any legislation that can lead to it, is morally wrong and should not be tolerated.

As your Pastor, I ask you to become aware of this dangerous issue. Pay attention to the "talking

points" we are publishing in our bulletin. Also, visit [www.catholicendoflife.org](http://www.catholicendoflife.org) for some solid information and resources. Use the Catholic Action Network at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) to contact the Governor's office and the Long Island delegation of assembly members and senators. The diocesan Respect Life Office at [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) can also provide resources, information and contacts.

As always, let us commit to praying for the gift of life and the conversion of hearts and minds for the respect and dignity of God's greatest gift — life — from natural conception to natural death.

### ***Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery***

Our special spiritual offerings on Friday evenings during Lent continue this Friday night with "Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery" presented by our combined music ministries here at OLPH, under the direction of our Director of Music, Chris Ferraro. Combining Scripture, reflection and music of the Lenten season, it promises to be a very moving and worthwhile experience for our Lenten spirituality. I am very much looking forward to being there, and I hope you will join in too on Friday night, March 20.

### ***St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day***

Finally, a Happy St. Joseph's Day to all as we celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this Thursday, March 19. St. Joseph is Patron of the Universal Church. Since Thursday is a Solemnity, we will have music at the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass, as is our custom for Solemnities. Also, a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all, especially those of Irish descent, who celebrate that day on March 17 (or, as St. Patrick's Day is also known, the Vigil of St. Joseph's Day).

### ***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,



## LENT 2015

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**FRIDAY**

**March 27**—led by *Family Life Ministry*

**7:30 P.M. + Church**

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

**Monday—Friday:**

Immediately after the 12:15 P.M. Mass

**Saturdays:** 4:00—4:45 P.M.

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

(as part of Parish Lenten Mission in the afternoon and evening)

**Holy Week:**

**Monday, March 30**

3:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, April 1**

7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

*Avoid the long lines!*

*Don't wait until the last minute to go to Confession!*

## LENTEN ENVIRONMENT AS OF NEXT WEEKEND THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As of next weekend, we will observe the custom of covering (or removing, where possible) crosses and images throughout the church, a practice permitted starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses will remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Since the environment perceived by our senses is an important part of our worship, we hope this custom facilitates your entrance into and spiritual participation in the last days of Lent, as we approach the Sacred Paschal Triduum and the fifty days of Easter Time.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Soon the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be sponsoring training and formation days for women and men interested in being **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers!**

**Saturday, April 18:** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale

**Saturday, April 25:** 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead

**Wednesday, May 6:** 7:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth, Melville

### What does it take to be an Extraordinary Minister?

- Participation in Sunday Eucharist
- Commitment to serve two or three times a month
- Attendance at a Diocesan Training and parish training

You are required to attend Session A (Session B also for those who will minister to hospitals, nursing homes and the home-bound)

If you have other questions or are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Barbara McPhail at 631.226-1354 or e-mail to [gospa254@gmail.com](mailto:gospa254@gmail.com). You must also send a letter to Msgr. Joe at the Parish Office or e-mail to [msgrjoe@oloph.org](mailto:msgrjoe@oloph.org)

### What do Readers do?

Readers prepare and proclaim the Scriptures and the Intercessions at Sunday and daily liturgy. Women and men—from middle school to older adult—are welcome to be involved in this ministry. Lectors would serve approximately once or twice a month.



Those interested in becoming a reader, call Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or email to [rabecker@optimum.net](mailto:rabecker@optimum.net)

## USHERS

Ushers serve an important role in the liturgy! They assist with taking up the collection, guiding people for the reception of Communion and welcoming those who visit our Church.



**New ushers are welcome! If you are interested in becoming an usher we will get you started! Men, women, teenagers and families are all welcome!**

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725

All liturgical ministers must complete a Volunteer Registration Form and Virtus training.



**Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery:  
An Evening of Fellowship, Action, and Reflection on the Passion**



**This Friday**

**March 20**

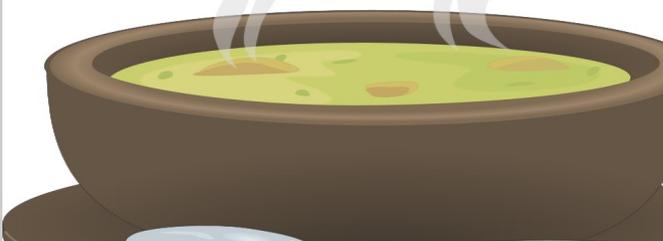
**6:00 P.M. Soup Supper**

**7:30 P.M. Prayer and Reflection**

On this Friday of Lent, we'll gather for a night of fellowship, music and reflection. The evening begins with a Soup Supper in the Auditorium where we will share a simple meal, mindful of the hunger of so many, and a reminder of our desire to grow closer to God. Following the Supper, we will gather in the church for a night of prayer led by our parish music ministry. Using St. Mark's Gospel, we will seek to discover the many ways the message of Christ's death and resurrection can transform our lives right here in Lindenhurst.

*Are you a soup maker?*

If so, we can use your gifts for our soup supper as we are seeking donations of soup for this year's supper. Contact Chris Volpe at 516.238.2717 or Mary Ellen Barrett at: [mombarr@optonline.net](mailto:mombarr@optonline.net).



**SUPPORTING OUR  
FOOD PANTRY**



We ask all who are attending the soup supper and/or the prayer service to bring food items for our parish's food pantry.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### The Eucharist: *Making All Things New*

The Catholic Church professes that in the celebration of the Eucharist the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine? How does this happen? The presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist is an inexhaustible mystery that the Church can never fully explain in words. In order to foster a deepening of faith among our parishioners, OLPH is beginning a series of columns to respond to fifteen questions that commonly arise with regard to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. These questions and answers are reprinted and adapted from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), with permission. This series will conclude on June 7, 2015, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

#### ***How is the Eucharist not only a meal but also a sacrifice?***

Being present under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives Himself to us in a form that is appropriate for human eating and drinking. Just as natural food gives nourishment to the body, so the Eucharistic food gives spiritual nourishment. When we eat ordinary bread, that nourishment feeds and is incorporated into each of our individual bodies. But when we consume the Body of Christ, we are all together incorporated into Christ's risen body. And while the sharing of an ordinary meal establishes a certain communion among the people who share it, in the Eucharist the People of God share a meal that brings them into communion, not only with each other, but also with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Through His death and resurrection, He conquered sin and death and reconciled us to God. The Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrificial act, meaning that it brings that sacrifice into the present moment and sacramentally offers it to the Father. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, in the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit, we share in and are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits.

Jesus' sacrifice belongs to human history, for He is truly human and has entered into history. At the same time, however, because Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, His actions are not confined within time or history, but rather transcend them. Jesus the Eternal Son of God made His act of sacrifice in the presence of His Father, Who lives in eternity. This means that in the Eucharist, Jesus does not sacrifice Himself again and again. Rather, Jesus' one perfect sacrifice is thus eternally present before the Father, who eternally accepts it. "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (Romans 8:34).

The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, participates in the sacrificial offering of her Head and Spouse. In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ also becomes the sacrifice of each and all of the members of His Body, who, united to Christ, form one sacrificial offering (cf. *Catechism*, no. 1368). As Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present, we, united with Christ, also offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father.



### EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS

Easter Spiritual Bouquet cards are now available throughout the church. These cards are a meaningful way for you to have your intentions prayed for in the Masses of Easter Sunday. Take an envelope, fill out your prayer intention, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Keep the card to send as an expression of your prayer. All the Masses offered on Easter Sunday will be for the intentions of the Easter Spiritual Bouquet.

# RESPECT LIFE

EACH OF US IS A  
**MASTERPIECE**  
 OF GOD'S CREATION.

*“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”*  
 Pope Francis’ Day for Life Greeting

Imagine yourself pausing in front of a design of great beauty. Your soul quiets and is filled with wonder and awe.

If art, created by man, can evoke such a response within us, how much more is the same wonder, reverence and respect due to each person we encounter, who was handcrafted by the very God who spoke the world into being?

Now think of an artist stepping back from a great work of art and admiring his or her creation.

When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness.

Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe.

No matter how the world might view us or others, let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is.

**You are invited to a Baby Shower!**  
 We're expecting...  
 as we begin our 9 months of  
**"Spiritual Adoption"**  
 Please drop off unwrapped baby items  
 this weekend & March 21/22 to the steps of the  
 Sanctuary.

- ITEMS NEEDED**
- Bottles – regular bottles without the inserts
  - Toiletries – wipes, baby soaps, shampoos, diaper rash creams, powders
  - Hooded towels, washcloths, bibs, receiving blankets and regular crib blankets
  - Clothes – sizes 18 months, 24 months, 2T (onesies, sleepers, stretchies, socks)
  - Diapers – Size 2 to 6
  - Formula – Enfamil Lipil with Iron (yellow container)
  - Supermarket gift cards

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
- † Driving Ministry: Maureen Russo—631.226.4182—princessmorge@optonline.net
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Van Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com/Tony Spina—516.473.4021
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † New Mother's Meal Ministry: Carol Stysiack—631.255.3506—carolstys@verizon.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: The Consi Family—631.226.7725
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Fr. John Sureau—631.226.7725—jsureau@oloph.org
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

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

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

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

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the "New" School Building

Use Parking Lot located on corner of

Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9 A.M. —12 Noon**

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**

## **OPEN ON SATURDAYS**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH is looking to expand hours to Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to about 3:30 P.M. This will provide a greater outreach to those who find it difficult to come to the Church during our regular week-day hours.



Would you be interesting in offering your time on Saturdays?  
 If so, contact Deborah Deasy, our Conference President, at  
 631.226.7725, x 234.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Join *Catholics For Freedom of Religion* as Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO of Liberty Institute, Plano, TX, and Thomas Renker, General Counsel for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, discuss why there is a need to protect and restore religious freedom in America and how it is under serious attack — in our schools, our churches, our military, and throughout the public arena. Presentation will be given at St. James Church Parish Center, 429 Route 25A, Setauket, NY on **March 25, 2015** at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact [parishleaders@yahoo.com](mailto:parishleaders@yahoo.com) or call (631) 896-8331.

### 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—[princessmorge@optonline.net](mailto:princessmorge@optonline.net).

### GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

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

Join us **March 19, 2015** in Room 24

Everyone is welcome.

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

### MIDDLE AGES

**Friday, March 20:** 7:30pm—Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery—This is the Lenten Season Choir presentation in the Church.

All are encouraged to attend.

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

### NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

*Do you need a dinner and a break?*

If you *had a baby in the last couple of months, are a member of OLPH and reside in Lindenhurst*, then let us know who you are. We will be happy to cook and deliver a delicious dinner to you.

Please contact Carol Stysiack via e mail at [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net) and put Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 631 255 3506.

### 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!*

Next Meeting

**TUESDAY - March 24**

**9:00 A.M. - Room 24**

**(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)**

### WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

*This ministry is a gathering of widows and widowers of all ages to get together once or twice a month for a prayer and mingling over cake and coffee.*

Join us at our next gathering on

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH**

**6:30-8:30PM**

in Room 18 of the school

*For more information and to learn more about this new ministry, contact Rita Gardell (631) 252-5494.*

## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253  
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 Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 ([acarbaugh@oloph.org](mailto: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 3/15/2015

## Religious Education Office Updates

### Class Schedule

#### Monday

No Classes due to the Parish Mission

#### Wednesday

No Classes due to the Parish Mission

#### 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

## PARISH MISSION

There will be no classes this week on Monday and Wednesday for Levels 6, 7, 8, Teen Confirmation and our Special Penance & Communion classes. Students in levels 7 & 8 are required to attend one night of the parish mission to complete that project in their confirmation workbook.

## PENANCE SERVICE

### Saturday, March 21

No Class for ALL Level 4 students. Instead all Parents and Children in Level 4 (including all Special Education, Home school and Catholic school students) are invited to attend a Penance Service in the Church at 11:00 a.m.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

### Today, Sunday, March 15

Level 8 students in rooms 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24 have their Confirmation retreat.

Retreat begins promptly at 3:00 in the Auditorium and will end AFTER the dinner that will follow the 5:00 Mass.

Save the Dates....

## Vacation Bible Camp

### July 20-24, 2015

*Plans are underway....look for more information soon!*



Right now, we are in need of someone to serve as our Environment Coordinator. Can you work with a TEAM of people to help decorate the various areas of VBC? If so, contact Chris Volpe at 917.468.9584 or Mary Ellen Barrett at 631.884.2960 or e-mail to [vbc@oloph.org](mailto:vbc@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)

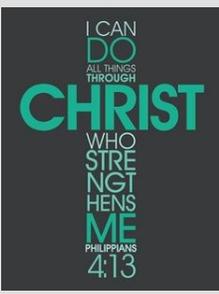
K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

## High & Middle School Youth Ministry

*High schoolers:* our next meeting will be **March 22nd** after the 5pm Mass in the auditorium.

*Middle schoolers* will meet on **24th** in the auditorium from 7:30 until 8:45.

All 6th through 8th graders are welcome! Tonight we will be talking about the Triduum! Come check it out!



### Adult Help Needed

Did you know that our middle school youth program has been expanding over the past few months? This is a wonderful thing but has caused some practical challenges.

We are in need of some adults who would be willing to assist at our Middle School and High School nights as your schedule permits. We need adults to assist with supervision, monitoring, etc. (You would not need to run a group or present a talk or anything like that!) Rather you would help us with supervision so the members of our youth ministry team can work on the talks, groups, presentations, etc. You can sign up for the dates/times that work best for you.

There is even a way for parents to be involved (without embarrassing your child!). Anyone interested would need to participate in VIRTUS training and complete a volunteer registration form.

For more information contact Brittany Evans at 631.226.7725 or e-mail to [youth@oloph.org](mailto:youth@oloph.org) or Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).

## 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 Storm Relief, numerous parish events, the St. Bernard League, helping parishioners at their homes, 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](mailto: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!!!**

### 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

## Columbian Squires Lenten Dinner

### FRIDAYS—March 20 & 27

At *Sea Haven Restaurant*, 101 E. Montauk Hwy., (631) 226-7076

\$15 Dinner Includes: Salad, Entrée (Pasta or Tilapia), Side and Coffee/Tea Tip and tax not included/Cash ONLY

For every dinner \$3 is given to the Squires Charity Fund

*Please bring the coupon with you to get this special deal!*

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 OLPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIAN COLUMBIAN SQUIRES  
 KNUTE ROCKNE CIRCLE #82  
 Lindenhurst, NY 11757  
 Please bring this COUPON  
 For Sea Haven Dinner  
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# 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 servicios pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) o en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 22 de Marzo del 2015.

**Primera Lectura (Ezequiel 32,12-14):** cuando hablamos nosotros de muerte y de resurrección, siempre pensamos en la resurrección de las personas, de ella habla Juan 5, 25-28 y muestra como Cristo llama a los muertos para que se levanten del pecado o de la muerte. Hoy Cristo le llama a usted y a mí.

**Segunda Lectura (Romanos 8, 8-11):** para los que ya no vivimos en la carne, sino del Espíritu. Pablo sabe que es una vida conducida en forma permanente por el Espíritu, pues ha escapado a las situaciones del pecador dividido entre su conciencia y sus malas costumbres, y sea unificado, quedando disponible para Dios. Hablará pues, sin basilar de una total transformación.

**Evangelio (Juan 12,20-30):** lázaro personifica a todo hombre que en presencia del mal, primero vacila luego cae y finalmente muere. La misericordia de Dios levanta al hombre y lo vuelve de la muerte a la vida. No envidiemos a lázaro que tuvo la mala suerte de tener que morir otra vez. Este milagro es solo el anuncio de la verdadera resurrección, que no consiste en una prolongación de la vida, sino en la transformación de nuestra persona.

## Palabras del papa - 3/8/215

*En efecto, nos dice el Papa que los Mandamientos: “salvan al ser humano de la fuerza destructiva del egoísmo, del odio y del engaño”. Como nos dice el Salmo de hoy (Sal 18): “la Ley de Señor es perfecta y reconforta el alma... es alegría para el corazón... luz para alumbrar el camino”. Muy contrario esto a lo que los hombres y mujeres de hoy pensamos de los preceptos de Dios.*

*El Papa proclamó en esa visita allí justamente lo contrario a lo que los hombres y mujeres de hoy pensamos de la Ley de Dios. Preguntó el Papa: “¿Qué es esta Ley? ¿Es la Ley de la vida y de la libertad! Si el pueblo observa la Ley de Dios, conocerá la libertad para siempre”.*



Esta semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Esta Colecta financia a seis agencias católicas que benefician a millones de familias y de individuos vulnerable, desplazados y empobrecidos en todo el mundo. Los fondos provenientes de esta Colecta marcan la diferencia en muchas vidas alrededor del mundo ya que éstos sirven para prestar servicios humanitarios directos, ayudar a las víctimas del tráfico humano y a reunificar familias. **¿Le ayudará?** La próxima semana, por favor, apoya a The Catholic Relief Services Collection ya que estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro.**

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **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**

*Xavier Matthew Garcia  
Amelia Rose Glass  
Ciaran Jack Healy  
Angelo Peter Lemmo*



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

## **WE REMEMBER**

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

***John McGowan***

*“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.”*

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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

**First Time:**

*Adam Volpe & Kimberly Royen*



*Jason Kalt & Joselyn Mirabal*

## **WE BELIEVE**

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

<i>Julia Cicala</i>	<i>Joseph Pezzano</i>
<i>James Mahaney</i>	<i>Sal Rizzolo</i>
<i>Jose M. Cevallos</i>	<i>Dorothy Hritsko</i>
<i>Thomas Curtin, Sr.</i>	<i>Bette LeVasseau</i>
<i>Bernard Celestine</i>	<i>Joan Cox</i>
<i>Roberta Pollacek</i>	<i>Richard Brosan</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Sharon Burke</i>
<i>Margaret Girgenti</i>	<i>William Doran</i>
<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Peggy Curran</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Gorden Hinds</i>
<i>Carmela DeFilippo</i>	<i>Mike Bovenzi</i>
<i>Whitey Rieger</i>	<i>Bob Little</i>
<i>Eileen Durney</i>	<i>Donna Catlan</i>
<i>Marie Roeper</i>	<i>Harper Grace</i>
<i>Resurreccion Zulueto</i>	
<i>George Wagner</i>	

## **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.



## **BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE**



If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, March 16—

#### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Florence Rodehau
12:15	Gerard Jordan
6:30	Devotions
7:30	Parish Mission

### TUESDAY, March 17—

#### Lenten Weekday (Saint Patrick, Bishop)

6:30	The Rogan Family
12:15	Rita Conefry
7:30	Parish Mission

### WEDNESDAY, March 18—

#### Lenten Weekday (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

6:30	Nicholas Rippo (Living)
12:15	Estela T. Velazquel
12:45	NO EXPOSITION
7:30	Parish Mission

### THURSDAY, March 19—

#### Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30	Gerard J. Hopkins
12:15	Helen Connor

### FRIDAY, March 20—

#### Lenten Weekday

6:30	Ann Porzio
12:15	Melchior Cucchiara
7:30	Music Ministry Presentation: <i>Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery</i>

### SATURDAY, March 21—

#### Lenten Weekday

8:00	Eleanor & Henry Zuber
11:00	Level 4 Penance Service

#### Vigil for FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00	Mildred Sresniawski
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#### Sunday, March 22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6:30	Owen Johnson
8:00	Nadia Viola
9:30	Denise Newman
11:00	Anthony Gerrato
12:30	For the People of the Parish
5:00	Kevin Kienle

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 16, 2015

6:30 PM	Novena	Church
7:30 PM	Parish Mission	Church
	No Other Activities	

### Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
7:30 PM	Parish Mission	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
	No Other Activities	

### Wednesday, March 18, 2015

7:30 PM	Parish Mission	Church
8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
	No Other Activities	

### Thursday, March 19, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/15
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
4:00 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

### Friday, March 20, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry—Holy Hour Dodgeball	Outing
6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Passion, Praise & Paschal Mystery	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

### Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:30 AM	Levels 1-5 Religious Education	School
11:00AM	Level 4 Penance Service	Church
11:00AM	Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage	Rectory Lawn
1:30 PM	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
1:30 PM	Reader Enrichment Workshop	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Sunday, March 22, 2015

9:00AM	K of C Membership Drive	Outside Church
11:00 AM	RCIA/RCIC	Rm. 16/18
12:00PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
1:30 PM	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry –High School	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Rosary Rally supporting *Traditional Marriage* on **March 21st on the Rectory lawn**, starting at 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. This is a Nationwide event sponsored by America Needs Fatima and conducted by the Holy Name Society. A repast will follow in the cafeteria.



# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Directory of Phone Extensions

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Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

## YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres  
 John Reynolds

## YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 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

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 Barbara McPhail  
 Rosaleen Walters  
 Mike Williams  
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco  
 Chris Ferraro  
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 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 #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.

**TODAY.....**

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.



Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Place in weekly collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or  
Visit [www.drvc.org/cma](http://www.drvc.org/cma) to make your donation. Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal*

## LEGION OF MARY

### THE LEGION OF MARY ACIES

*“I am all yours, My Queen, My Mother,  
and all that I have is yours.”*

**Next Sunday, March 22, 2015**

All active and auxiliary members and guests are invited to attend the Acies ceremony to be held at:

*The Montfort Spiritual Center*

26 South Saxon Ave.

Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706

631-666-7500



*The Acies is a sacred and solemn ceremony in which members of the Legion of Mary individually and collectively renew their consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

The Acies will take place during the 3 PM Mass – everyone is invited

Driving Directions from Lindenhurst:

Sunrise Highway East (Route 27 East) to Exit 44; Continue on the Service Road .8 mi, to the 1<sup>st</sup> light, turn right onto Saxon Ave. Go 1 mile to Montfort Spiritual Center.

## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPENING: On Call Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) or Registered Nurses (RN)** Talbot House, Bohemia, NY – Chemical Dependence Services (Need flexible availability including weekends & holidays) Talbot House is a 24-hour voluntary chemical dependence Crisis Center, providing short-term medically monitored inpatient withdrawal and stabilization services to adults in crisis. We are seeking NYS licensed LPNs & RNs to work on call, monitoring, evaluating and caring for our clients. HS diploma/GED and work experience that demonstrates the ability to independently evaluate & triage clients' medical/psychiatric conditions necessary. Experience working with individuals with chemical addictions is a strong plus! To apply, please submit resume & cover letter, detailing relevant experience to: [jobs@catholiccharities.cc](mailto:jobs@catholiccharities.cc) or fax to 516.733.7038. Please include “Talbot LPN/RN” in the subject line of your email or fax.
- **Bereavement Counseling & Support Services:** weekly group meetings for parents and survivors of suicide. One-time registration fee \$20. Call St. Bernard's Parish (Sister Christine Sammons: 516-731-6074) meets Thursdays, March 19-May 28 6:30-7:45PM; St. Brigid's Parish (Maria Piniero: 516-334-0021) Wednesdays, March 25-June 3, 7:30-8:45pm.
- **Lenten Day of Prayer** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington. Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, will present a Lenten Day of Prayer Sunday, **March 22** from 9:30am-3:00pm. The theme for the day is “*Walking with God.*” Program includes conferences, lunch, confession and Mass. \$30. Reservations call: 631-423-0483 X 102 or email [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu).
- **Our Lady of Consolation Bereavement Group** - Pastoral Care & Hospice will provide a support group for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Eight sessions on Monday afternoon. March 23-May 11. 2:30-4:00PM at Our Lady of Consolation, 111 Beach Dr. West Islip. Space is limited. Call 631-587-1600 ext. 8297.
- Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or email: [hopeandhealing@sisteroflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sisteroflife.org). For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877-586-4621 or email: [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

# OFFERING UPDATE

## March 7/8, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	382	150	\$3,063.00
6:30 A.M.	85	33	973.00
8:00 A.M.	158	97	2,385.00
9:30 A.M.	300	92	2,014.00
11:00 A.M.	460	111	2,396.00
12:30 P.M.	355	95	2,521.50
5:00 P.M.	292	47	1,737.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			27.59
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			394.00
<b>Children's Env.</b>		16	70.25
<b>Special Needs</b>		16	262.99
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,041.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,032	657	\$17,886.33
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	2,345	705	\$17,591.71
<b>Candles</b>			\$934.97
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$491.22
<b>1st Saturday</b>			\$193.32



OLPH Council 794  
Knights of Columbus  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Monday, March 23rd  
11:00-3:30 P.M.  
OLPH School Auditorium

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, March 14/15, our parish will take up The *Catholic Relief Services* Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced, and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, the funds from this Collection make a real difference in lives across the globe. **How will you help?** Please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise.**



Our eGiving provider *Faith Direct* is sponsoring a 2015 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket Challenge with cash prizes going to individual parishes! If your bracket finishes in the top three, *Faith Direct* will make a donation to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish!

1st Place: \$1,000      2nd Place: \$500      3rd Place: \$250

Plus, *Faith Direct* will be awarding \$500 to the parish with the most Bracket Challenge entries! This is a fun and free way to support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish! Sign up today at <http://www.faithdirect.net/bracketchallenge/>!

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



## K OF C Bingo

every Thursday night in the school auditorium.

Doors open at 6:15 pm

First game starts at 7:30 pm.

Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!

Specials, jackpots, and line bingo.

Coffee and cake are available.

## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 22, 2015  
*5th Sunday of Lent*

*Whoever loves his life loses it,  
 and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.*

John 12:25

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

Just exactly what is “new” about this “new covenant” prophesied by Jeremiah? God does not change; neither do His commandments. It is that God will Himself bring about a “newness” in us, as though creating His beloved humankind all over again, remaking us in His image and likeness from the inside out, doing away with divisions among us and bringing us into reconciliation and communion with Himself. But how will God accomplish this? It was a mystery yet to be revealed.

### Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus was able to do what no other person has ever been able to do—to be perfect in His obedience to the Father’s will. Therein lies the uniqueness of Jesus as Son, and why no one else can qualify as high priest—as the one mediator who could truly bring God to man and man to God.

### John 12:20-33

John has already called our attention to the crowds gathering for Passover and their interest in whether Jesus would come to the feast (11:55-56). Then the crowd welcomed Jesus with great acclamations (12:12-18). Now from among this Passover crowd one particular group comes forward to meet Jesus. These *Greeks* are not Greek-speaking Jews but rather Gentiles, whether from Greece or elsewhere. That Jesus does not speak to them suggests that only after the crucifixion and resurrection could the gospel encompass both Jew and Gentile.

## Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday’s Gospel (John 12:20-33) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. When Jesus thought about what was coming he said, “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?” What are some of the things that trouble you? Who do you call on when you are troubled?

2. Who, according to Pope Francis in the following homily, are the benefactors of the grain of wheat dying?

(This is the way of life that) will save us, give us joy and make us fruitful. For this journey of self-denial is undertaken in order to give life: it is the opposite of the journey of egoism ... which leads to one becoming attached to all goods only for oneself ... (The Christian way is) open to others, for it is the same journey that Jesus made. (It is a journey) of self-emptying for the sake of giving life. The Christian way is precisely this way of humility, meekness, of gentleness. Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. ... Remember when he speaks about the grain of wheat: unless this grain dies, it will not bear much fruit (cf. Jn 12:24).

## Readings for the Week

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

### Monday, March 16, 2015:

Isaiah 65:17-21 + John 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 17, 2015:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 + John 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 18, 2015:

Isaiah 49:8-15 + John 5:17-30

### Thursday, March 19, 2015:

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
 + Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
 + Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### Friday, March 20, 2015:

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
 + John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, March 21, 2015:

Jeremiah 11:18-20 + John 7:40-53

### Sunday, March 22, 2015:

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 + Hebrews 5:7-9  
 + John 12:20-33



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## Vocation Presentation

Last Wednesday, students in Level 7 attended a vocation presentation in the Auditorium. Fr. Ethel talked about the vocation of Holy Orders. Deacon Bill Crosby and his wife Michelle discussed marriage, Robert Becker talked about the diaconate and Monica Hejkal, who is an apostolic oblate, discussed her religious order and the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.



## Family Life Ministry

Last week, OLPH's Family Life Ministry held its first Holy Hour for Families. Gathering for prayer, we prayed for our parish's Elect and their journey towards the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Following the Holy Hour, Family Life hosted another Families in Service event introducing families to our Homeless Van Ministry and the Church's call to serve the poor and vulnerable in our midst. Following their presentations, families made hundreds of Wash Up Kits (so many that we had to ask them to stop!) to be distributed to the homeless in our community. The evening concluded with a simple soup supper and opportunities for more conversation and information. Thanks to our Youth Band, Family Life Ministry, Homeless Van Ministry and RCIA team for coming together for a wonderful afternoon of prayer and service.



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