

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*Then a cloud came,
casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”*

- Mark 9:7

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION: *The Journey Continues!*



The Elect

Congratulations to our sisters and brothers—*Jazmin Aguilar, Joshua Aguilar and Jennifer Feeney*—who were formally recognized and accepted by our diocese as people preparing for the sacrament of initiation this Easter. They are now part of the Elect of the Church. Their journey becomes more intense during the period of purification and enlightenment, the final stage before receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Call to Continuing Conversion

On this Second Sunday of Lent, our parish's candidates—*Christina Feminella and Alice White*—will participate in the **Call to Continuing Conversion** at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma. Here they will join with others joining the Catholic Church, often from other Christian faiths. Their journey, too, will intensify as they journey through these final weeks of Lent. They will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed on the Second Sunday of Easter.

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



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

HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES NEXT SUNDAY March 8, 2015 + 3:30 P.M. OLPH Church



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

As part of the prayer, we will pray in a special way for the Elect of our parish (see above!)

Whether you are able to come on Sunday or not, we are in need of donations for wash up kits, including face cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small bottles of deodorant and shampoo, small bars of soap and other items that will help the homeless in the local community.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Second Sunday of Lent

The Transfiguration! The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent in all three liturgical cycles is always the account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. As a revelation of the future glory of the crucified-risen Lord, the Transfiguration reminds us of the ultimate purpose and goal of our own Lenten journey of penance and renewal — that we might die and rise with Christ and so share in His heavenly glory.

Reflect on the phrases used in the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent: *“listen to your beloved Son;” “nourish us inwardly by your word;” “spiritual sight made pure;” “rejoice to behold your glory”* — such imagery all but puts us right there in the Transfiguration scene! Imagine what it would have been like to actually be there!

We continue to be reminded of Lent as a journey toward Easter in the words of the Preface (the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, before the *Holy, Holy*) for this Sunday: *“the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.”* During Lent we strive to take up our cross and believe more deeply that through Christ, with Christ and in Christ our sufferings and difficulties will lead to new life. That’s the power of Christ’s Paschal Mystery in our life.

Seating for Handicapped: I am looking for your feedback

As you are aware, we are very concerned here at OLPH to be as welcoming and hospitable as possible, and this includes being attentive to the needs of the handicapped and those with mobility issues. We have added chairs with arms in certain places throughout the assembly’s space in order to provide more useful seating for those who find it hard to sit in a pew because of difficulty in getting up and down.

The Liturgy Committee continues to pursue the question of how we can best serve parishioners with mobility issues and we are ready to see if we should consider something more. Specifically, we are considering providing space within the main assembly area to accommodate wheelchairs. We have discussed the possibility of perhaps taking away half the length of the first pew in the back section of the church, *i.e.*, the first row at the “cut” or aisle between the front and back sections at the center of the church, probably on only the north side. We would also remove the front barrier. This would al-

low for easy access for wheelchairs right there in the midst of the assembly. Currently, people in wheelchairs pretty much have to stay in the outside aisles of the church, unless they are going to be in the center aisle, which creates problems for them and for traffic flow.

So, I am looking for some feedback from people who use, and from those who have family members who use, wheelchairs: Is this something you would like to have? Is it worthwhile doing? Would you actually use this space if we altered it for you? Would it meet your needs? What are your thoughts about making our worship space more inclusive for wheelchairs?

You can call me at the rectory, ext. 206, or e-mail me at msgjrjoe@oloph.org to give me your responses. I would love to have your input to help us make the right decision and, most importantly, to be able to serve the needs of those in wheelchairs best so that we might truly be an inclusive community. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Bowing Your Head, and Other Gestures

Every so often questions come my way about proper procedures for gestures at Mass. In particular, those among us “of a certain age” may remember the days when it was common to bow one’s head at the mention of the name of Jesus. It seems that this custom is not observed anymore, but it is officially still “on the books,” so to speak, and I think it is a good custom for us to revive. Allow me to point out what the Church says in *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*: “A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.” (275a)

So, that seems pretty clear, and perhaps we could all be attentive to this gesture at the times mentioned above; remember, we pray with our bodies as well as with our voices and our minds.

There are some other gestures which we should pay attention to. For example, a profound bow, *i.e.*, a bow of the body at the waist, is made at the words in the Creed when the Incarnation is mentioned (*“and by the Holy Spirit...and became man”*). A genuflection, *i.e.*, bending the right knee to the ground, is the reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament, so when we come into or out of the church we should acknowledge the Real Presence by genuflecting to the tabernacle. However, during Mass, ministers do

not genuflect to the tabernacle except at the Entrance and at the Recessional (except ministers who are carrying something, *e.g.*, a cross, candles, the Book of Gospels—these ministers do a bow of the head instead of a genuflection). During the celebration of Mass itself, however, ministers do not genuflect, but instead bow to the altar. (274)

Interestingly, a genuflection is **not** to be made to the processional cross. Nowhere is this mentioned in the *General Instruction*; in fact, it specifically states that a genuflection is **reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament**, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration of Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. (274) Therefore, it is incorrect to genuflect to the processional cross. Many people seem to do that here at OLPH, but it is a practice that should be avoided.

Last Weekend Was Another Bad Weather Weekend

Although not as bad as two weekends ago, last weekend our Mass attendance, and therefore our weekly collection, was again lower than usual due to the winter weather. I must once again make a gentle and humble request that, even if you have to miss Mass because of the weather, you keep up with your weekly collection offerings by giving the missed offering the following week at Mass or by mailing it in. We rely greatly on that regular income and really, really need it in order to not fall behind in our finances. I thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the parish on a regular basis in this way. Remember, OLPH provides the option for parishioners to use electronic giving through Faith Direct. Automatic, regular contributions are made electronically, and it's a great way to assure the parish of regular offerings even if weather or illness makes it impossible to get to Mass.

Finance Committee Presentation

Allow me to draw your attention to the two presentations being offered by our parish Finance Committee as advertised elsewhere in this bulletin. This is a great service being provided by the members of the Committee, and I am grateful for their leadership and initiative. I hope many of our parishioners attend and take advantage of the information that is being offered.

We are blessed with a very knowledgeable, committed and dynamic Finance Committee whose members truly love OLPH and want to take good care of the financial aspect of parish life. I personally am thankful for the advice and guidance they pro-

vide to me and for the leadership demonstrated by the Chair of the Committee, Gerry Chille.

Coming Soon: Call for New Liturgical Ministers

Now is the time to begin thinking about it: soon we will be putting out another call for new liturgical ministers — Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers. Members of the Pastoral Staff and I have spoken to some people about becoming a liturgical minister in one of those ministries, and you should think about it. We need you to make this offering of service to the parish so that the needs of our liturgy might be adequately fulfilled. Think about it, pray about it, talk to me or someone else about it, and then respond when we make the call in upcoming bulletins very soon.

Parish Missions

I take this opportunity to mention that the Parish Mission I give with my classmates (we were here at OLPH a number of years ago) is being given again this week. We will be at St. James Parish in Seaford for four nights, tonight (Sunday) through Wednesday. The group is Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Fr. Michael Holzmann and myself, and this time around Fr. John Sureau will be joining the group. Please pray for the success of our Mission being given at St. James.

Also, don't forget: the Parish Mission here at OLPH, being given by Fr. Kevin Cronin, ofm, is in two weeks, Monday March 16 through Wednesday March 18. All activities have been suspended that week and all parish facilities are closed in order to provide maximum availability for folks to attend the Mission, an important spiritual exercise during Lent. Our OLPH Parish Mission is advertised elsewhere in this bulletin, so look for details.

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



FRIDAYS

March 6—led by *Christian Mothers*
 March 13—led by *youth community*
 March 27—led by *Family Life Ministry*
7:30 P.M. + Church

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Loving God Gladly

Save the dates...

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

Abbreviated Retreat Presentation
at 12:15 P.M. Mass each day.



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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

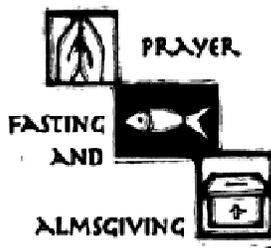
3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Avoid the long lines!

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

LENT 2015

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



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

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, with permission. This series will conclude on June 7, 2015, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

How and why does Jesus give Himself to us as food and drink?

When the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity--the One through Whom all things were made--took on human flesh, He thereby united Himself to His own creation. And as God created all things by merely speaking them into existence, the words spoken by Jesus, "This is My Body; this is My Blood" do in fact bring about a new creation; do truly transform the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we can therefore through His humanity truly be united to Him. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity, and our mortal and corruptible natures are sanctified and transformed by being joined to God, Who is the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57).

Jesus gives Himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because He loves us! God's whole loving plan for our salvation is directed to our union with God, our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are first joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation, and it is

nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving"), we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift, this wondrous love.



MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers, current and new, are required to attend an important meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 4:15 p.m. in the church. Among other items we will discuss assignments for Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and First Communions and Confirmation. All servers, current and new, are expected to attend. If you cannot be there, you must contact Msgr. Joe as soon as possible. Thank you. (Note: this meeting applies only to the young people who serve; it does not apply to the adults who serve at weekday Masses and funerals.)

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

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**

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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

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

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



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

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

Join us **March 5, 2015** in Room 24
Everyone is welcome.

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

MIDDLE AGES

Thursday, March 5th

Join in the fun and camaraderie at an evening of
K of C Bingo in the School Auditorium
Doors open at 6:15 pm & first game starts at 7:30 pm.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

*Avail yourself, men and women, 55 years +,
of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with
God and with our parish community.*

*Each time this group meets there will be times for for-
mation, spiritual growth, friendship
and community building.*

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

Next Meeting

TUESDAY - March 10th

9:00 A.M. - Room 24

(Park in the Gates Street Parking Lot)

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*Mass for People with
Special Needs*

SATURDAY

March 7th

4:00 P.M.—Auditorium

All are welcome!

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, MARCH 3

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.

New Mothers' Meal Ministry

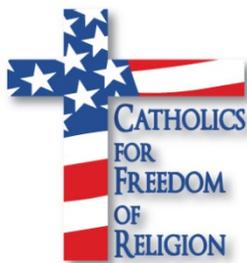
Look who got a dinner and a break!



New mother Maribel Rodriguez, the mother of 2 children, and Brett are pictured accepting a lasagna dinner from Andrea Giordano from the New Mothers' Meal Ministry. God bless your family!

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 and put Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 631 255 3506.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Catholics for Freedom of Religion

"There are more Christian martyrs today than in the early days of Christianity."

Pope Francis

"Jesus Help Me"

These were the last words of 21 beheaded Egyptian Coptic Christians who had traveled to nearby Libya to work. ISIS titled the video-taped executions, "A Message Signed With Blood to the Nation of the Cross." The killers threatened, "And we will conquer Rome, by Allah's permission, the promise of our Prophet." (www.nypost.com/2/16/15)

Pope Francis expressed "profound sadness" and proclaimed the murdered men martyrs, saying they had been killed for their faith. They died "only because they confessed Christ," and their "testimony cries out to be heard." (nypost.com, 2/16/15)

Cardinal Dolan wrote, "They were beheaded for nothing less than their religious convictions. It moves me to prayers. It moves me to tears...as a Christian, but also as an American, who recognizes Freedom of Religion as our first and most cherished liberty.

"No denying it: There is an orchestrated phobia of Christianity throughout the world today, a coordinated effort on behalf of fanatics to see that the religion which stands for friendship, peace, the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of life, is stamped out.

"These are not sporadic attacks. This is part of ... an ideology that sees Christianity, Judaism, and any religion of peace, as the enemy."

(www.nypost.com/2015/2/17/op-ed)

Please Pray:

Lord, the plight of our brothers and sisters is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. We ask you, Lord, to spare their lives and to grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Amen

HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Our parish's homeless van ministry is working hard during these cold days and nights.

In the past week, we have ministered to over 30 individuals at train stations, emergency rooms, warming centers and, in some cases, in their cars. The ministry regularly goes out on Wednesday evenings. In extreme cold or storm conditions, smaller groups of the ministry, make "quick runs" to determine make sure individuals are as safe as possible.

Are you interested in joining the ministry?

All are always welcome!!!! If so, please contact Tony Spina at 516.473.4021 and he will get you started. All members must complete a parish background check and participate in VIRTUS training.

Donations needed!

Our supplies have hit record lows over the past two weeks with our regular van runs. We are in most need of

- Sleeping Bags
- Large blankets
- Bottled Water
- Breakfast Bars (or packaged nutritious snacks)
- Wash Up Kit Supplies (see page 2)

Financial donations are always welcome if that is easier for you.

If you can assist us with these things, please contact Patti Perez at 631.957.6203 or email to pp213806@aol.com.

Cooks Needed? Meals Served?

The Homeless Van Ministry is *considering* the possibility of providing a regular or semi-regular community meal for those in our local community. Are you interested in working on a project like this? Are you a cook, caterer, great waiter or waitress, cleaner, organizer? Let us know! Contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to jsureau@oloph.org so we can determine interests and possibilities.



MUSIC NOTES

Join Our Holy Week Choir

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

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

If you would like to participate, you would only have to attend five rehearsals preceding Holy Week. Contact Chris Ferraro for more information - cferraro@oloph.org or 226-7725 ext. 210. Don't worry about having to read music. The only requirement is the ability to carry a tune and a desire to praise God in song.



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



Friday, March 20, 2015
6:00pm - Soup Supper
7:30pm - 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. See upcoming editions of the bulletin for more information!



FRIENDS OF MUSIC

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2015 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

Cherubim (up to \$24)

- ◆ Memorialization of a new choral folder for our youth choir or adult choir

St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)

- ◆ Memorialization of a Gather hymnal with choral parts for our cantors and choirs
- ◆ Memorialization of Responsorial Psalm or Gospel Acclamation book for our cantors

St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)

- ◆ Memorialization of an octavo (sheet music) for one of our choirs
- ◆ Memorialization of a Gather hymnal instrumental accompaniment

St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)

- ◆ Instrumentalist for special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Lessons and Carols)
- ◆ Printing costs and paper for worship aids for one of our special occasions and liturgies

St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)

- ◆ Co-sponsorship of one of our concerts or special programs

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in this majestic space for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to: *OLPH Friends of Music*

210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at cferraro@oloph.org or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

With Deep Gratitude to Our 2015 Friends of Music

As of February 23, 2015

St. Cecilia

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Douglas and Carol Bertolino, *In Loving Memory of Cecelia Bankovich*
- ◆ Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*
- ◆ Christopher and Cathy Ferraro
- ◆ Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
- ◆ Sheila Lanza

St. Gregory the Great

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Lucyne and Bob Flesher, *In loving memory of Jerry Zduczyk*
- ◆ Joan Hosey, *In loving memory of Philip Hosey*
- ◆ James Kendall
- ◆ Elzbieta Zdunczyk, *In loving memory of Evelina, Jozefa and Stanislaw Kuligowski*
- ◆ Antoinette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joe DeGrocco*
- ◆ Antoinette Walsh, *In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother*

St. Augustine

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Diane Moscover
- ◆ Janine Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka and Anthony and Maria Jan-kowsky*

St. Ambrose

- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Corazon F. Andres, *In loving memory of Isaias Bareng*
- ◆ Martin Gibbs, *In honor of Valerie Singh*
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haas, *In loving memory of Doris Nimz*
- ◆ Rose Mourdoukoutas, *In honor of Valerie Singh*

Cherubim

- ◆ Martin Gibbs
- ◆ Angela Zoccoli

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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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 3/1/2015

Religious Education Office Updates

REMINDERS

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Monday, March 2

All Level 8 Parents of Students in rooms 1, 2, 4, 16 and 18 have a MANDATORY Confirmation meeting in the Auditorium during your child's session.

VOCATION PRESENTATION

Wednesday, March 4

All Level 7 students will have a presentation on Vocations in Auditorium. The students will view a presentation by a religious sister, a diaconal candidate, a married couple and a priest, who represent all aspects of Vocation. The students will then have the opportunity to engage in a Q & A with the presenters.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Sunday, March 8

Level 8 students in rooms 1, 2, 4, 16 and 18 will have their confirmation retreat.

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

Class Schedule

Monday

7:15- 8:30pm— Class for Level 8

Wednesday

5:30- 6:30pm— Class for Level 6

7:30- 8:30pm— Class for Level 7

Saturday

8:30- 9:30 am Levels 1-5

10:00-11:00 am Levels 1-5 & Special Education

11:30-12:30 pm Levels 1-5

Level 3 Parent & Child Prayer Session
Students and families in Level 3 participated in a morning of prayer where they learned more about the Blessed Mother from members of the Legion of Mary and other forms of prayer.



YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH

High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:

Brittany Marie Evans (youth@oloph.org)

Youth Service Corps: Fr. John Sureau (jsureau@oloph.org)

Catholic Youth Organization: Mr. Dave Reid (dreid88@optonline.net)

CYO Website: www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo

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

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

Middle School Youth Ministry

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

The first middle school night in March is on

Friday, March 6th at 7:30 P.M.

Wear sneakers: it's open gym night (there'll be some un-gym activities too)! All are welcome!



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

SQUIRES

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

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

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

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday

from 7:30 PM till 9:00 PM

at the Convent.

Please use the side entrance on the left.



Our motto is *Esto Dignus, Be Worthy.*

OLPH Knights of Columbus

Columbian Squires Lenten Dinner

FRIDAYS—March 6, 13, 20, 27

At *Sea Haven Restaurant*

101 E. Montauk Hwy., Lindenhurst, NY

(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



EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

El sacramento del bautizo. Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: jsureau@oloph.org o en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Lecturas previas de la santa palabra de Dios para el domingo 8 de Marzo del 2015.

Primera Lectura (Éxodo 20,1-17): Los Mandamientos: Carta de la Fidelidad a la Alianza
Dios dio sus “diez (mandamientos) a su Pueblo, no tanto como leyes a obedecer, sino como carta de su libertad. Siguiendo los mandamientos, expresarían su lealtad y fidelidad al Dios siempre fiel, al Dios de la Alianza.

Segunda Lectura (1Corintios 1,22-25): ¿Es Cristo una Piedra de Escándalo?

Para los que observan desde fuera, la muerte de Jesús en la cruz es o una locura o un fracaso. Pero para los que creen, es fuente de vida.

Evangelio (Juan 2,13-25): Hacia un Nuevo Templo

Cristo purifica el Templo judío, para que no sea un lugar que retiene y confina a Dios. Los romanos lo destruirán. Nosotros podemos encontrar a Cristo Resucitado en cualquier parte y él será el fundamento del Nuevo Pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia.

Hoy seguimos caminando por el camino de Cuaresma hacia la Pascua, Se nos recuerda cómo Jesús arrojó a los mercaderes fuera del templo. —sería bueno preguntarnos a nosotros mismos: ¿Qué desearía el Señor que alejáramos de nosotros, de forma que lleguemos a ser mejores cristianos? ¿Qué obstaculiza nuestro camino para ser más íntimos y cercanos a Jesús en nuestra vida diaria? En nuestra vida personal y como Cristo en nuestras Iglesias. La casa de Dios es casa de oración.....

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- The following programs will take place in *St. Joseph Renewal Center*, 1725 Brentwood Rd. Bldg. 4, Brentwood, NY: *Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia*—**March 4**, 1-2:30 pm—Free will offering; *A Spiritual Gathering of Women*—**March 10**, 10 am—noon, \$15 offering; *Mid-Lenten Day of Prayer*—**March 11**, 10am—3pm—\$45 includes lunch.; *Men 2 Men Gathering*—**March 14**, 8-9:30 am—free will offering; *11th Step Prayer*—**March 22**, 2-4 pm—free will offering. If interested call 631-273-1187 X 123.
- Marian Healing Ministry *Healing Mass*—**March 10**, 7:00 PM Rosary, Mass & Healing Service at *St. Anastasia's Church*, 45-14 245th Street, Douglaston-Little Neck, NY. For more information call 718-631-4454.
- **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; Our Lady of Mercy (Mary Anne Scott: 516-931-1306) Thursdays, March 12-May 14, 4-5:15pm.
- **Lenten Day of Prayer** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Rd., Huntington. Re. 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 2—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Alexandra Fernandez

12:15 Robert & Anne Bruce

7:00 DEVOTIONS

TUESDAY, March 3—

Lenten Weekday

(Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin)

6:30 Rita Conefry

12:15 Thomas Daniel Matias

WEDNESDAY, March 4—

Lenten Weekday

(Saint Casimir)

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

12:45-2:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, March 5—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Laura Cafone

12:15 Daniel Meder

FRIDAY, March 6—

Lenten Weekday

6:30 Linda Reichlin

12:15 Virgilio Leon

7:30 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 7—

Lenten Weekday

(Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)

8:00 William C. Curr

4:00 Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

Vigil for

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 Edward J. Abbott (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 8

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6:30 Christine Robbins

8:00 Holy Name Society

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11:00 Mary Aquilina

12:30 Louise A. Fasmano

5:00 Catherine Burns

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 2, 2015

4:15 PM	Altar Server Training	Church
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation	St. Mark's
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:15 PM	Level 8 Religious Education	Auditorium

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
6:30 PM	Widows & Widowers	Room 18
7:00 PM	Teen Confirmation Class	Room 16
7:30 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Room 24
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer Group	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

12:45 PM	Adoration	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 PM	Level 6 Religious Education	Church
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	Level 7 Religious Education	School

Thursday, March 5, 2015

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Room 13/15
12:00PM	Golden Age Gathering	Rm. 24
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
4:00 PM	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 PM	Respect Life	Room 21
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:30PM	New Mother's Meal Ministry	Room 18
7:30 PM	Baptismal Prep for Parents	Room 16
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, March 6, 2015

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rooms 1 & 2
7:30 PM	Youth Ministry Open Gym	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

Saturday, March 7, 2015

8:30 AM	Levels 1-5 Rel. Ed.	School
1:30 PM	Reader Enrichment Program	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, March 8, 2015

11:00 AM	RCIA/RCIC	Rm. 16/18
1:30 PM	Social Security Session	Auditorium
3:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat	Cafe/Aud
3:30 PM	Holy Hour for Families	Church
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 PM	Adoration	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

Second Time:

Aaron Shifflett & Kristin Serwan

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



*Anastasia Joan Farina
Evelyn James Bennett*

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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one!
Memorials used during the Masses for week of
March 1-7:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Thomas Daniel Matias

Love,

Mom & Dad

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

WE REMEMBER

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

Tracey Obeda

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Julia Cicala</i>	<i>Whitey Rieger</i>
<i>James Mahaney</i>	<i>Eileen Durney</i>
<i>Jose M. Cevallos</i>	<i>Maureen Gilbride</i>
<i>Thomas Curtin, Sr.</i>	<i>Marie Roeper</i>
<i>Bernard Celestine</i>	<i>Resurreccion Zulueto</i>
<i>Roberta Pollacek</i>	<i>George Wagner</i>
<i>Carol Gilroy</i>	<i>Joseph Pezzano</i>
<i>Margaret Girgenti</i>	<i>Sal Rizzolo</i>
<i>Marie Foster</i>	<i>Dorothy Hritsko</i>
<i>Dolores Otten</i>	<i>Bette LeVasseur</i>
<i>Carmela DeFilippo</i>	<i>Joan Cox</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.

A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Fr. John Sureau, Associate Pastor	203	jsureau@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
 John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
 Deacon Tom Bast
 Gerry Chille (Chair)
 Ed Cirella
 Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
 Bob Dobres
 Bob Meade
 John Reynolds
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
 Mark Costantino
 Barbara McPhail
 Rosaleen Walters
 Mike Williams
 Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
 Chris Ferraro
 Deacon Doug Smith
 Fr. John Sureau
 Alice Vozzo

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Finance Council

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

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

The Session will cover.....



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

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

The Session will cover.....



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

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

OFFERING UPDATE

Feb. 21/22, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	331		\$3,303.00
6:30 A.M.	72	38	1,155.00
8:00 A.M.	170	58	1,405.00
9:30 A.M.	228	57	1,326.00
11:00 A.M.	290	89	2,024.00
12:30 P.M.	379	94	2,076.00
5:00 P.M.	316	81	2,433.50
Total coin:			18.88
Mail-ins:			498.00
Children's Env.		28	113.00
Faith Direct			1.954.00
TOTAL	1,786	445	\$16,306.38
2014 TOTAL	2,081	756	\$18,688.80
Candles			\$1,209.16
Poor Box			\$268.87
Church in Need			\$1,907.00
Ash Wednesday	2150		\$5,976.38

AUTHOR'S COLUMN

From Msgr. Hamilton:

David S. Hamilton

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

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

"A polite and fervent author tangles with The Times Editorial Board on its religion-related editorials"



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2014 CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

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

FAITH DIRECT
inspiring secure giving

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 using our church code: **NY286**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.



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Bingo

every Thursday night
in the school auditorium.
Doors open at 6:15 pm
and the first game starts
at 7:30 pm.

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

PREPARING FOR

Sunday, March 8, 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

-Psalm 19:8

Exodus 20:1-17

Commentary on the Ten Commandments often divides this passage into commands regarding worship (verses 1-11), and those governing human relationships (verses 12-17). But this is an artificial division, as the two emphases are intertwined. Laws concerning proper worship of God are also about how the people are formed through that worship to become a certain kind of people. Laws concerning how people are to relate to one another are also about living as God requires, even doing as God does.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We think we know better than God what is best for us. Why doesn't He just give us what we ask for if He loves us? But for all of our self-proclaimed wisdom and exercise of human power, we are not able to save ourselves from self-destruction and death. So what did God do? The One Who created us showed us that He alone is omniscient and omnipotent, by allowing us to reject and murder His Christ, the very One He sent to save us—so that He could save us!

John 2:13-25

Why did the religious leaders in Jerusalem spend decades adding on to the Temple? As Jesus' clear act of chastisement demonstrates, it was not out of their religious zeal, but rather to please and benefit themselves.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 2:13-25) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Jesus drove the salespeople out of the temple. Why? And, if you are a temple too, "a temple of the Holy Spirit," what are the implications for you? What needs to be driven out of you?

2. Compare what Jesus did in the temple with what Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, the Vatican's doctrinal chief says that Pope Francis is doing now in the Church. The Pope mentioned hunger for power, "spiritual Alzheimer's" and "the terrorism of gossip," in his Christmas address to the Curia.

"Francis is pursuing a 'spiritual cleansing of the temple, at the same time both painful and liberating, so the glory of God can shine in the Church, the light of all mankind.'"

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican's semiofficial daily.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 2, 2015:

Daniel 9:4b-10 + Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3, 2015:

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
+ Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4, 2015:

Jeremiah 18:18-20 + Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5, 2015:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
+ Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 6, 2015:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
+ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 7, 2015:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
+ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 8, 2015:

Exodus 20:1-17
+ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
+ John 4:5-42





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