

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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“While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.”

John 2:23

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2015

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin + Deacon William Crosby + Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

(unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

**First Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# PARISH LENTEN MISSION

## *Loving God Gladly*

MONDAY, March 16 – WEDNESDAY, March 18

*Conducted by*

Fr. Kevin Cronin, O.F.M.

Ministry of the Word

Holy Name Province (U.S.A.)

Order of Friars Minor



### **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

*We will gather for fellowship after the last evening of the retreat, hosted by our Hospitality Ministry and some of our Confirmation candidates. 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).*

# Lent



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

As we continue in our Lenten pilgrimage, the prayers of the Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent once again remind us of the purpose and goal of our Lenten practices. In the Collect (Opening Prayer) we were reminded that God, who is *"the author of every mercy and of all goodness,"* has shown us that the Lenten disciplines of *"fasting, prayer and almsgiving"* are *"a remedy for sin."* How well we need to be reminded that our Lenten practices, traditionally centered on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, are not simply actions to be performed, but rather have as their goal a deeper relationship with God, a deeper conformity to the life of Christ, and therefore a moving away from sin. How accurately can we say that about our Lenten journey so far — have we moved away from sin? Is what we have done/are doing truly a remedy for our sinfulness?

Interestingly, our First Reading this year in the "B" cycle of readings gives us the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus. How appropriate for us to use the Ten Commandments as a starting point for an examination of conscience to discern how well our sinfulness is being rooted out of our life! Indeed, Jesus' command of love brings us to a level of love and of responding to others which in many ways is even more demanding than just the Ten Commandments, but the Ten Commandments are in no way revoked — they still very much apply to our life and we must take them seriously. We should use them as one of several benchmarks for an examination of conscience.

The Prayer after Communion reminds us that our Lenten journey is meant to be part of the pilgrimage toward our ultimate destiny in heaven. In particular, the Eucharist we receive here and now on earth is a foretaste and sign of the heavenly reality that it sacramentalizes. Reflect on the wording this prayer uses as it refers to the Eucharist as *"the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven."* As we participate in the celebration of Mass, we pray *"that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion."* In other words, we are asking that our participation in the Paschal Mystery celebrated and commemorated in the Mass will lead us to share in the fullness of the Paschal Mystery in heaven with Christ.

Once again there is so much for us to take away from the prayers of the Mass as further food for reflection throughout the week.

### *Stations of the Cross*

Are you joining in our Friday evening celebrations of the Stations of the Cross? Each week is being presented by a different parish ministry or group, a practice we would like to continue with all different groups taking turns in the years ahead. Those who have attended the ones so far have found them to be beautiful and prayerful. Why not treat yourself to some wonderful Lenten prayer by joining in on the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent?

### *New Altar Servers*

I take this opportunity to offer **CONGRATULATIONS** to our **twelve (12) new altar servers** as they are blessed and commissioned at the 11:00 Mass this Sunday: Anthony Batta, Sinead Buckley, Patrick Daly, Matthew Delgado, Sabrina Dinardo, Elizabeth Garrovillas, Matthew Gigante, Rachel Healy, Joshua Levane, Margaret Natonio, Mikayla Ross, and Lauren Walker. We are so pleased and thrilled to welcome you to the ranks of altar servers! We know that you will do a wonderful job and you will make a wonderful contribution to the liturgical life of OLPH!

This brings the total number of altar servers to 39. While that's a good number, I must confess that I won't be satisfied until we have anywhere from 63 to 84 altar servers...so we'll keep working on making that number go up, up, up! We'll be having another altar server recruitment sometime within the next year, so children fourth-grade and up should get ready for it, and parents, you should be encouraging your children to become altar servers!

### *Parish Mission Next Week*

Start making your plans now to attend our Parish Lenten Mission next week, Monday through Wednesday, March 16, 17 and 18. A Parish Mission is a traditional and powerful spiritual practice associated with Lent and we are blessed to have Fr. Kevin Cronin, ofm, to be presenting the Mission. It is our custom to give maximum priority to this Lenten event, so we have cancelled all parish

activities so that all can be free to attend the Mission; it's a priority for our parish community. I have heard Fr. Kevin preach at parishes at which I have served in the past, and he is an engaging speaker who presents a spiritual message in a way that is captivating and even at times humorous. More information about the Parish Mission can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Fr. Kevin will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend to introduce the Mission, and I know we will give him a warm OLPH welcome as he begins to deepen our engagement in the holy season of Lent.

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

Today (Sunday, March 8) and next Sunday, March 15, members of our Finance Committee are offering their expertise as they present to us, under the sponsorship of that committee, workshops about Social Security (today) and Charitable Giving (next week). I hope that many parishioners will take advantage of this opportunity being offered by the Finance Committee and will attend in order to be better informed of issues dealing with these topics. I offer my thanks once again to the Finance Committee for offering this service to the entire parish!

### ***Our Old Baptismal Font***

I am happy to announce to you that our old baptismal font (the portable wooden cabinet we had been using) has been given to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Wyandanch. Fr. Bill Brisotti, the Pastor there, called to tell me he heard about our new font and to ask if he could have our old one, which I was happy to donate to him. How wonderful that OLPH is able to help one of our sister parishes, especially one that is also dedicated to the patronage of Our Blessed Mother!

### ***Avoid the Rush...Don't Wait to Go to Confession!***

As we continue through the days of Lent, we know that it is a time when we should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (go to Confession), and, I am happy to say, many people do take advantage of this opportunity during this season. I urge you, however, to not wait until the last minute! There are plenty of opportunities to go to Confession throughout all of Lent, so why wait until the crunch at the end? Go now!

Remember, too, that a great day to go is on Monday of Holy Week, when our diocese celebrates what has become "Reconciliation Monday." On that day, priests in parishes throughout the diocese, including here at OLPH, will be hearing Confessions from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. — a marathon of availability!

### ***Have You Made Your Catholic Ministries Appeal Pledge Yet?***

OLPH is doing well in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal; we are approaching our goal at a good pace. Why not help us go way over goal? It's when we go over goal that we begin to earn big money for OLPH, as we keep here in the parish 80% of every dollar donated. Have you made your pledge to the Catholic Ministries Appeal yet? If not, please do so now. You will not only be assisting the work of the Catholic Church on the diocesan level throughout all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, but you will also be helping OLPH too. As always, thank you for your generosity.

### ***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 13**—led by youth community

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

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

## HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES TODAY + March 8 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 page 8).



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.

## 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

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) 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.



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

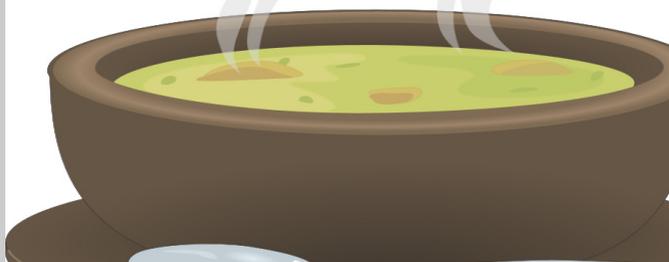


**Friday, March 20**  
**6:00 P.M. Soup Supper**  
**7:30 P.M. Prayer and Reflection**

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. See upcoming editions of the bulletin for more information!

### *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.*

***When the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, why do they still look and taste like bread and wine?***

When the Eternal Son of God took on true human form by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Luke 1:35), "being found in appearance as a man" (Philippians 2:8), His human nature veiled His divine nature. That the man Jesus was also God Incarnate could only be seen through the eyes of faith. So it is with the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Eucharist, at the moment of consecration, when the priest pronounces the words, "this is my body" and "this is my blood," the glorified Christ becomes truly present under the appearances of bread and wine in a way that is unseen and unique.



In the Church's traditional theological language, in the act of consecration the "substance" of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the "substance" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the "accidents" or appearances of bread and wine remain. Such terms are used to convey the fact that what appears to be merely bread and wine in every way (at the level of "accidents" or physical attributes - that is, what can be seen, touched, tasted, or measured) in fact is now the Body and Blood of Christ (at the level of "substance" or deepest reality). This change at the level of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called "transubstantiation." According to Catholic faith, we can speak of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because this transubstantiation has occurred (see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1376).

#### **MEETING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS**

All Altar Servers, current and new, are required to attend an important meeting **this 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

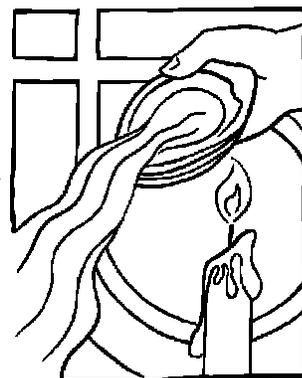


## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

Last Sunday, in the midst of our sudden snow storm, our parish's candidates—**Christina Feminella** and **Alice White**—participated with others throughout Suffolk County in the Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Ronkonkoma. Here, before Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski and the community of faith, their sponsors stated they believed that Christine and Alice were ready for reception and full initiation in the Catholic Church.

This Sunday, the elect of our parish—**Jazmin Aguilar**, **Joshua Aguilar** and **Jennifer Feeny**—will participate in the Holy Hour for Families. As part of the prayer service, they will celebrate a Penitential Rite. This rite is another step in this final period of Purification and Enlightenment. This celebration helps “to complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all” (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141).



### OFFERERS NEEDED

New groups are forming for the Christian initiation of adults and children and will begin meeting in May. We are looking for men and women of our parish to accompany those who are seeking to become Catholic and complete their initiation.

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

# 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](mailto: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*

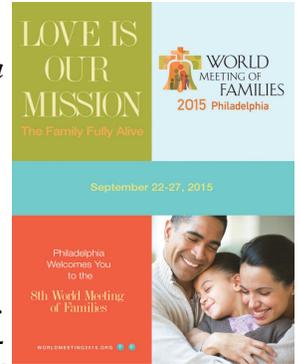
### **Cherubim**

- ◆ Martin Gibbs
- ◆ Angela Zoccoli

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

## World Meeting of Families

*To prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis's visit, we are studying a catechesis on family life called Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive. Each month, our parish is reflecting on one chapter. Previous monthly reflections are online at PhillyEvang.org/wmof. You can order the catechesis and learn more about next year's big event at WorldMeeting2015.org.*



## Creating the Future

Sexual intimacy between a man and a woman raises the possibility of children. There are many other honorable relationships which include degrees of commitment and affection, but marriage has a unique mission: to integrate the fertility of male and female with the fidelity of God's covenant. Catholic parenting relies on the same rationale as sacramental marriage: love in the shape of service, sacrifice, trust, and openness to God's will. If and when a marriage is blessed with children, love orients parents to their children's education and spiritual formation. Jesus said to his disciples, "Let the children come unto me," and it is the responsibility of all Catholic adults to shepherd children into a relationship with God and the people of God. The whole parish should be involved in supporting marriages, families and children. We build the future of our society child by child, family by family. Vatican II called the family a "domestic church," and the little church of the family takes its orientation from the faith and mission of the larger Church. It is a mother's and a father's responsibility to be with children at home and in church, and to pray together regularly. Children will learn the faith only when they are taught. The way a family responds to adversity, or gathers for meals, or makes financial decisions and sets priorities - these and many other aspects of "home economics" shape the values and identities of our children. "Love is our mission" because even in the middle of our humble daily routines, Catholics live with a bold and glorious purpose.

**Christopher C. Roberts, catechism editor**

*Did you know?* The World Meeting of Families is for everyone, whether you are married, single, celibate, or consecrated! Talk topics include marriage, parenting, grandparenting, celibacy, dating, fostering vocations, family life and much more. Visit the website for the list of speakers and talk titles: WorldMeeting2015.org.

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

## Extraordinary Synod of Families

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

Contained within this Preparatory Document which was issued by the Holy See to begin this process is a series of questions. This document can be found at: <http://www.drvc.org/synod-of-bishops.html>. You can link to the site through our parish website. Paper copies can be found on the pew ledges.

If you choose to be part of this process, please remember that **only E-mail responses sent to [synodofbishops@drvc.org](mailto:synodofbishops@drvc.org) will be accepted. Only E-mail responses that include the respondent's name and parish will be accepted. All responses must be received by THIS FRIDAY, March 13, 2015.**

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



## Diocesan Pilgrimage Day To World Meeting of Families Wednesday, September 23, 2015

**Location:** Philadelphia

**Cost:** \$20 (to reserve your spot on the Coach bus. Payment must accompany registration, each person must register separately.)

**Pick up Locations:**

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Time: 6:15 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

St. Matthew's Parish, Dix Hills

Time: 5:00 a.m.(promptly) - 9:00 p.m.

*Upon Arrival: \*There is a \$95 registration fee for adults to attend the World Meeting of Families. Children (ages 6-17) will pay a \$25 registration fee. Registration will take place upon arrival at the Convention Center. There is no online registration for admittance to the Convention Center.*

For more information please click here:  
[www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org)

For more information please contact  
Kathleen Logan-516 678-5800 Ext 236

### Itinerary

**8:00 a.m.** Registration at Convention Center

**8:30 a.m.** Mass

**10:30 a.m.** Keynote: Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.  
The Light of the Family in a Dark World

**11:45 a.m.** Breakout Sessions\*

**1:00 p.m.** Independent Lunch/ Exhibits

**3:00 p.m.** Keynote: Professor Helen Alvaré,  
Creating the Future: The Fertility of Christian Love

**4:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions\*

**5:30 p.m.** Departure

*\*You will have the option of attending two breakout sessions.*

For a listing of topics and speakers please click on the following link:  
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Preliminary-Agenda-reg-announcement.pdf>

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# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda@optonline.net
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- † 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 Jesus is asked, "What sign can you show us?" Everyday we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.



Our annual Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign will begin soon! In these weeks we will ask all parishioners to spiritually adopt a child in the womb and, in prayer, hold that child and his or her family in your thoughts and prayers.

As a "kick-off" to the Spiritual Adoption prayer campaign, we would like to collect items needed by the Life Center and Regina Residence, agencies that serve pregnant women and their families. Items needed include:

**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**

*Please bring these items with you to Mass over the next two weekends (3/14 and 3/15 and 3/21 and 3/22)  
 and place them near the food collection sites on the steps of the Sanctuary.*

# PARISH LIFE AND 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

**Tuesday, March 17th**

Dinner at Sake Asian:

76 Route 109 in the ShopRite Shopping Center.  
7PM start. All you can eat Sushi, Thai, Chinese is \$20.95 – but you can also order ala carte if you want. The website is [www.sakeasian.com](http://www.sakeasian.com).

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 [car-olstys@verizon.net](mailto:car-olstys@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 10th**  
**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.*

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## PRISON FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, **in prison and you visited me.**"*

**Matthew 25:35-36**



Prison Families Anonymous, a project of FECS Health and Human Services System, welcomes anyone who now has, or ever had, a loved one involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system.

Life becomes more difficult and stressful for family and friends when a loved one becomes incarcerated. Relationships and responsibilities can become strained and the dynamics within the family often change dramatically.

At meetings, we share our experience, strength and hope. Here we offer information and assistance in navigating the criminal justice system. We encourage members to exchange phone numbers and when possible to carpool to upstate prisons.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each another. It provides compassion, support and information to family members during their very difficult times.

### The Prison Families Anonymous Support Group

**meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month  
starting at 7:30 P.M. at the  
Community Presbyterian Church  
1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729  
Northeast corner of Deer Park Ave and Lake Ave  
Parking lot entrance on Lake Ave  
Use rear door closest to parking lot.**

and

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month  
starting at 7:30 PM at the  
St. Anthony Hall across from St. Brigid's Church**

## 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 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

- Large blankets
- Bottled Water
- Breakfast Bars (or packaged nutritious snacks)
- Wash-Up Kit Supplies

### WE NO LONGER NEED SLEEPING BAGS OR BLANKETS!

*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.



# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
 Phone # 631.226.7725, x. 253  
 E-mail: [religiosed@oloph.org](mailto:religiosed@oloph.org)  
 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 3/8/2015**

# Religious Education Office Updates

## 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

## CONFIRMATION MEETING

### Monday March 9

All **Level 8** Parents of Students in rooms 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24 have a MANDATORY Confirmation meeting in the Auditorium during your child's session.

## PENANCE SERVICE

### Saturday March 14

No Class for ALL **Level 5** students. Instead, all Parents and Children in Level 5 (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

### 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)

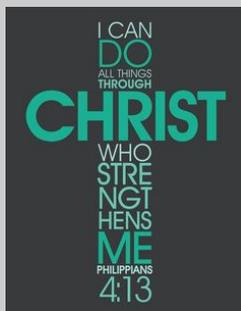
K of C Squires: Mr. Frank Nicosia (happynicosias@yahoo.com)

## High & Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle schoolers will meet on March 10th & 24th in the auditorium from 7:30 until 8:45. All 6th through 8th graders are welcome!!

High schoolers for the month of March will meet on the 8th and 22nd after the 5pm Mass in the auditorium until 8pm. All 8th through 12th graders 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 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

*Please bring this ad with you to get this special deal!*

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Lindenhurst, NY 11757  
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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 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](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 15 de Marzo del 2015.

**Primera Lectura (2 Crónicas 36,14-16, 19-23):** Dios Da a Su Pueblo Nuevas oportunidades

Incluso cuando Dios castiga a su pueblo con el exilio, Dios no puede menos de ser fiel. Utiliza incluso a paganos para devolver a su pueblo a la Tierra Prometida.

**Segunda Lectura (Efesios 2,4-10):** Todo es gracia...

Por su gracia, Dios ha salvado a su pueblo del exilio. De nuevo por la gracia de Dios, su Hijo Jesús nos salva de la muerte del pecado. En el plan de Dios todo es un don gratuito y de gracia.

**Evangelio (Juan 3,14-21):** Tanto amo Dios al mundo que dio su único Hijo para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna. Creer en Jesús significa acoger al hijo, nacer a la propia verdad de hijos. Y acoger el regalo de la salvación. Con gratitud, obediencia, y agradecimiento.

¡Fortalezcan sus corazones!

*Tiempo de renovación para evitar la indiferencia*

*El Papa Francisco, en su mensaje de Cuaresma, nos dice "... es un tiempo de renovación para la Iglesia, para las comunidades y para cada creyente. Pero sobre todo es un tiempo de gracia (2 Co 6,2). Dios no nos pide nada que no nos haya dado antes. Nosotros amemos a Dios porque... Él nos amó primero (1 Jn 4, 19).*

*La Cuaresma nos ayuda a cuestionarnos ¿estoy buscando amar a Dios?, ¿tengo sed y hambre de Él?, ¿estamos dando valor a lo que vale y peso a lo que lo tiene?, ¿estoy amando a Dios a través de mis semejantes? No ser indiferente a los demás es una manera muy sencilla de amar a Dios; todo está en que, como cristianos, digamos ¡sí quiero! (cfr Mc 1, 40-45). Evitemos la apatía, que persistentemente se manifiesta en algunos casos, obrando con caridad y generosidad, como muchas personas e instituciones ya lo hacen.*



La próxima 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 ayudarás?** La próxima semana, por favor, apoya a The Catholic Relief Services Collection ya que estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro.**



# DIÓCESIS DE ROCKVILLE CENTRE

## OFICINA DE FORMACIÓN DE LA FE



## Día de Peregrinación Diocesano

### Encuentro Mundial de las Familias

Miércoles, 23 de septiembre 2015

#### Lugar: Filadelfia

**Costo:** \$ 20 (para reservar su cupo en el autobús, el pago debe ser incluido con este formulario. Cada persona debe inscribirse por separado).

#### Puntos de Encuentro:

Catedral de Santa Inés , Rockville Centre

Hora: 06:15 a.m. (puntualmente) - 9:00 p.m.

o

Parroquia de San Mateo, Dix Hills

Hora: 05:00 a.m. (puntualmente) - 9:00 p.m.

#### Al llegar al Centro de Convenciones en Filadelfia:

\*Debe pagar la cuota de inscripción para adultos de \$95 para poder asistir al Encuentro Mundial de las Familias. Los niños (de 6-17 años) pagarán una cuota de inscripción de \$ 25. La inscripción debe realizarse en el Centro de Convenciones. No hay registro por internet.

Para más información, visite la red:

[www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org)

Para más información en español, puede llamar a Diana Pizarro- 516 678-5800 Ext 592

### Itinerario

**8:00 a.m.** Inscripción en el Centro de Convenciones

**8:30 a.m.** Celebración de la Eucaristía (Misa)

**10:30 a.m.** Presentador Principal:

Cardenal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap.

La Luz De La Familia En Un Mundo Oscuro

**11:45 a.m.** Sesiones de Trabajo\*

**1:00 p.m.** Almuerzo por su cuenta/ Exposiciones

**3:00 p.m.** Presentador Principal: Profesora Helen Alvaré,  
Creando el Futuro : La fertilidad del Amor Cristiano

**4:15 p.m.** Sesiones de Trabajo\*

**5:30 p.m.** Salida

*\*Usted puede asistir a dos sesiones de trabajo.*

Para obtener una lista de temas y ponentes por favor visite el enlace:  
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Preliminary-Agenda-rg-announcement.pdf>

Regístrese en [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) o reenvíe este formulario para separar su lugar en el bus con un cheque a nombre de: " Oficina de Formación de la Fe ". Envíelo a la Oficina de Formación de la Fe, Diócesis de Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. Att: Debbie Coyne

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Ciudad y Codigo Postal \_\_\_\_\_ Parroquia \_\_\_\_\_

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Inscripción para el Autobús \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seleccione (1) Punto de Encuentro: Catedral de Santa Inés, Rockville Centre \_\_\_ o Parroquia de San Mateo, Dix Hills \_\_\_

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER



## 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.

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

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



## WE REMEMBER

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

**Mary 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.”*

## WE BELIEVE

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

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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, March 9—

**Lenten Weekday**  
(*Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*)

6:30 John Baum

12:15 Joan Gargiulo

7:00 DEVOTIONS

### TUESDAY, March 10—

**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 James, Muriel & James, Jr. Farrell

### WEDNESDAY, March 11—

**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Anthony Marino

12:15 Ray Evans

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

### THURSDAY, March 12—

**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Josephine & Alfred Pentenreider

12:15 Carmen Hernandez (Living)

### FRIDAY, March 13—

**Lenten Weekday**

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15 Marie Kaiser Ermish

6:00 Praise & Worship

7:30 Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, March 14—

**Lenten Weekday**

8:00 John L. Sullivan, Sr.

11:00 Level 5 Penance Service

**Vigil for  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 Anna Roseto

**Sunday, March 15  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

6:30 The Savastano Family

8:00 Concetta Perrotta

9:30 Anthony Spina, Sr.

11:00 Living & Deceased Members of the  
Christian Mothers & Guild

12:30 For the People of the Parish

5:00 Theresa Puleo

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, March 9, 2015

2:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class St. Mark

7:00 PM Novena Church

7:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting St. Lucy

7:15 PM Level 8 Religious Education School

### Tuesday, March 10, 2015

7:00 AM Tender Gardens Pre-K Rooms 13/15

9:00 AM Senior Moments Room 24

4:15 PM Altar Server Meeting Church

7:00 PM Teen Confirmation Class Room 16

7:30 PM Adult Faith Formation Room 24

7:30 PM Pastoral Council St. Lucy

7:30 PM Middle School Youth Ministry Auditorium

7:45 PM Community of Praise Prayer Group Room 16

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

### Wednesday, March 11, 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 School

7:30 PM Boy Scouts Cafeteria

7:30 PM Level 7 Penance Service Church

7:30 PM Boy Scouts Cafeteria

8:00 PM Christian Mothers Sci. Rm.

### Thursday, March 12, 2015

7:00 AM Tender Gardens Pre-K Room 13/15

1:30 PM Church Cleaning Church

4:00 PM CYO Cheerleading Auditorium

6:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 16

7:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 PM K of C Bingo Auditorium

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Room 24

### Friday, March 13, 2015

9:00 AM OLPH Home School Group Rooms 1 & 2

7:00 PM Holy Name Society Caf/Aud

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross Church

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People) Room 24

### Saturday, March 14, 2015

8:30 AM Levels 1-5 Rel. Ed. School

1:30 PM CYO—Basketball Auditorium

6:00 PM Evening Prayer Church

7:00 PM Praise & Worship Church

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

### Sunday, March 15, 2015

12:30PM RCIA/RCIC Rm. 16/18

1:30 PM Charitable Giving Seminar Auditorium

3:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Cafe/Aud

6:00 PM Evening Prayer Church

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

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# 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.

**TODAY.....  
THIS SUNDAY!!!**

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](mailto: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. 28/March 1, 2015**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 P.M.	450	189	\$4,898.00
6:30 A.M.	101	48	1,364.00
8:00 A.M.	229	108	3,421.00
9:30 A.M.	345	89	1,708.00
11:00 A.M.	410	140	3,754.00
12:30 P.M.	340	101	2,771.00
5:00 P.M.	113	17	895.50
<b>Total coin:</b>			24.75
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			554.00
Children's Env.		20	64.50
<b>Faith Direct</b>			2,041.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,988	712	\$21,496.25
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	2,115	662	\$16,533.20
<b>Candles</b>			\$988.57
<b>Poor Box</b>			\$378.22

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS

*Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Glass*  
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**Remember to turn your clock AHEAD 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time.**

# AUTHOR'S COLUMN

*From Msgr. Hamilton:*

David S. Hamilton

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



"A spirited and fearless column struggle with The Times Editorial Board on its religion-related editorials"

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](http://Createspace.com/5169783) or at [Amazon.com/DB/0692352066](http://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.

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## SECOND COLLECTION

Next week, 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?** Next week, please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.



# K of C Bingo

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

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## PREPARING FOR

### Sunday, March 15, 2015

### 4th Sunday of Lent

*“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

#### 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The Books of Chronicles record in some detail the lengthy span (some five hundred fifty years) from the death of King Saul to the Israelites' return from the Babylonian exile. Given the situation which confronted the Jewish people at this time (the end of the fifth century B.C.), the Chronicler realized that Israel's political greatness was a thing of the past. Yet, for the Chronicler, Israel's past held the key to the people's future. If Judaism was to survive and prosper, it would have to heed the lessons of the past and devoutly serve its God in the place where he had chosen to dwell, the Temple in Jerusalem.

#### Ephesians 2:4-10

The gospel of salvation that God worked in Christ, as taught in this book's previous chapter, is reiterated here in terms of what God's great love, expressed in Christ, means for us. Both Jew and Gentile have experienced, through Christ, God's free gift of salvation that already marks them for a future heavenly destiny. The language "dead, raised us up, and seated us in the heavens" closely parallels Jesus' own passion and rising to glory. Christians are a newly created people in Christ, fashioned by God for a life of goodness.

#### John 3:14-21

Nicodemus, as one of the Pharisees, had hopes of eternal life, but they hoped to achieve it by their observance of the Law, and especially in their own interpretations of it. But as the history of Israel makes clear, that way could only lead to hopelessness, for the more they strove, the more they failed. In the end, the Law they loved so much could only condemn them. So Jesus now tells Nicodemus that what he is hopelessly striving for can be his as a gift, if only he responds fully to Him.

### Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday's Gospel (John 3:14-21) take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." According to Pope Francis in his homily on the Wednesday in the *Domus Sanctae Marthae* on 4/10/13, do you think Jesus is a figure from the past or does he continue now and always to light the way for us?

"The Lord saves us by His love: not with a letter, nor with a decree, but with his love," a love so great that it led him to send his Son, who, "became one of us, walked with us," and this saves us.

2. "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son ... " So what is your job? Name some ways (other than preaching with your words) that you can tell the world about this love. Might you run into difficulties at times? When this happens can you remember that you are not alone and that you will always receive the grace you need?

## Readings for the Week

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

#### Monday, March 9, 2015:

2 Kings 5:1-15b + Luke 4:24-30

#### Tuesday, March 10, 2015:

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 + Matthew 18:21-35

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2015:

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 + Matthew 5:17-19

#### Thursday, March 12, 2015:

Jeremiah 7:23-28  
+ Luke 11:14-23

#### Friday, March 13, 2015:

Hosea 14:2-10  
+ Matthew 12:28-34

#### Saturday, March 14, 2015:

Hosea 6:1-6 + Luke 18:9-14

#### Sunday, March 15, 2015:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
+ Ephesians 2:4-10  
+ John 3:14-21





### Answering the Call to Serve

Father James Shelton, ordained in June of 2014, remembers the day he entered the Seminary.

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## DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

- The following programs will take place in *St. Joseph Renewal Center*, 1725 Brentwood Rd. Bldg. 4, Brentwood, NY: *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. 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).

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*Level 5...* Students and parents in Level 5 Faith Formation at OLPH learned about the three traditional practices of Lent - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - during a special morning of prayer this past Saturday. Thanks to our presenters and our families for working to grow closer to Christ this Lenten season!



*Level 8...* Patty Pace came and discussed her work with the poor using themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Her non-profit company, Sobornost, does many fundraisers with Fair Trade products. These products are made by women and men in developing countries who make these products to survive. At the end of the meeting the children participated in a visual acting out of the social classes and discussed statistics of those who are less fortunate.



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