

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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*God is love,  
and whoever remains in love  
remains in God  
and God in him.*

*1 John 4:16*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 17, 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.

## HOLY MONDAY MADNESS!

This past Monday saw a flurry of activity at OLPH! From Mary to Marriage to Making Decisions at the End of life, it was night of prayer, formation and learning.



### PARISH MAY CROWNING

The Christian Mothers and Guild, the Legion of Mary and the Junior Legion of Mary led our evening prayer service. Hospitality followed after the service on the Rectory Green.



### PRE-CANA

Couples in our parish's Pre-Cana process came back to OLPH after a few weeks in their host couples' homes. The focus of the evening was on God's gift of sexuality and natural family planning. Continue to pray for these couples and those who lead them.



### NURSING MINISTRY

OLPH's Nursing Ministry sponsored another workshop on issues related to end of life decisions. The evening provided information, resources, and opportunities for questions. Thanks to the representatives from Catholic Health Services for this night of information and formation.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

### ***Reduction in Number of Priests at OLPH***

I recently received a phone call from the Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese, Msgr. Peter Pfloomm, which was very startling to me and, quite frankly, came out-of-the-blue with no warning or indication, and no consultation ahead of time. I was informed that OLPH was chosen to be downsized in the number of priests serving here. Consequently, Father Ethel will be transferred from OLPH as of June 24, 2015, to begin a new assignment as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Church in Babylon.

The fact that there are not the same number of priests available as in the past should not be news to anybody, and the fact that parishes are seeing a reduction in the number of priests should not be a surprise, either. We have been fortunate to have had for the past year three full-time priests (Fr. John, Fr. Ethel and me) and also to have Fr. Alfred in residence with us as a part-time priest while he studies at St. John's University. I was caught by surprise by this decision affecting us now, however, because Fr. Alfred will be completing his studies within the next several months and there is a very good chance he will not be with us beyond the end of this calendar year. Apparently this point was not realized by diocesan officials, which, quite honestly, amazes me. So, we are left with a rather interesting situation: as of June 24, Fr. John and I will be the only full-time priests assigned to OLPH. For the next few months, Fr. Alfred will continue in residence and will generously continue to help us as much as his class schedule allows. One summer helping priest will be coming to OLPH as well for July and for most of August.

However, we are looking at the possibility that as of the end of 2015 or the beginning of 2016, it could be just Fr. John and me, at least for a time. I have been told that the diocese will work to find another priest to come here, since I continually argue that OLPH is too big for only two full-time priests. However, there is no guarantee as to who it would be, *i.e.*, would it be a full-time Associate Pastor, or would it be only a part-time resident. I think we can be quite sure that it will most likely be an international priest, and I know that the parishioners of OLPH will continue to be warm and welcoming to priests from other countries as you have been with so many priests in the past.

All of this means, of course, that discussions will have to take place in the months ahead concerning schedules and priest presence here at OLPH. Again,

this should not be news to anyone since almost every parish has had to go through this type of thing in the past several years. Schedules for Masses and other sacramental celebrations such as Confessions may have to be looked at and adjusted; we may have to re-think priest presence at meetings and parish organizations and societies. Here is where I will be counting on the guidance, leadership and input of the Pastoral Staff and the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee as three of the main consultative leadership bodies in the parish. We will also continue to count on the ministry of our parish Deacons, and I thank them for the time and service they give to all of us (a time and service which might increase!). I will continue to keep you informed and apprised of these things as new information becomes available.

As a final thought on this subject, I would like to suggest to you that it is in a situation just such as this that a parish's spiritual fortitude is tested. Change is hard for everyone, to be sure. However, dealing with situations such as this are the opportunity for us to come together as a united Body of Christ for the greater good of all — "*Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ,*" as I write each week. Here's the chance for us to get beyond the discomfort we all feel about change, and to look beyond our own personal convenience and beyond the way we personally and individually would like things to be, and instead look to the greater common good and the larger questions that have to be dealt with on a parish level. The greatest gifts we can give to one another are the gifts of patience, understanding and accommodation.

Lastly and most importantly, let's keep Fr. Ethel in our prayers. He did not ask for this change and I did not ask for this change, but it is a fact of our priesthood that we serve where we are asked to serve. I know that Fr. Ethel was upset by the news because he loves being at OLPH, and he has been coming to an acceptance of this situation through prayer and a recommitment to his priesthood. We will certainly miss him, as he has become a vital part of our parish life in the two years he has been here, and he has made many connections with many people of the parish. We have all come to appreciate his smile and his laughter. We will, of course, be planning a farewell celebration for him in June, and we will announce the date and time of that celebration when plans are finalized.

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

We should take note of the very particular part of Easter Time in which we find ourselves on this Seventh Sunday of Easter: we are in-between the Ascension and Pentecost. The Collect (Opening Prayer) acknowledges the paradoxical nature of what we celebrate with the Ascension, namely, that Christ is both with the Father in glory and, at the same time, present among us; the prayer therefore asks that “... *we who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us.*” Though the Ascension and “abiding presence” may seem to contradict each other, theologically they are actually different aspects of the same reality.

Continue to savor these last days of Easter Time as we move closer and closer to the great Solemnity of Pentecost.

### **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

This “in-between” time that I just mentioned are the days of the original novena, the nine days from Ascension to Pentecost when the Church prays urgently and fervently for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Are you joining in these special prayer times? I hope so! Look elsewhere in this bulletin for the schedule of times for the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

### **Pentecost Vigil**

Next Sunday we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost. At the conclusion of that day, Easter Time ends and we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. (Look for the change in our liturgical environment!) At Pentecost we commemorate three interconnected realities: the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the Apostles; the beginnings of the Church; and the start of the Church’s mission to all peoples and nations.

The Church encourages all parishes to celebrate a **special Mass as a Vigil of Pentecost**. The character of this **Pentecost Vigil** is not baptismal in nature, as is the Easter Vigil, but rather its focus is one of **urgent prayer**, after the example of the Apostles and disciples, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

The **5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, May 23, will be a special celebration of a Pentecost Vigil**. This is one of the **major liturgical events** which takes place in the life of our parish, and those who participate in the beauty and solemnity of these “principal” or “major event” liturgies always come away deeply spiritually enriched and uplifted.

**Therefore, I ask you to make every effort to attend our special Pentecost Vigil on Saturday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Mass will feature several special aspects. Our Entrance Procession will express the richness of our sacramental life as we include all the liturgical ministers, and as we also include parishioners who have celebrated sacraments over the past year. We will celebrate a special Vigil of Readings that includes four Old Testament readings. We will also celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with those who are completing their initiation into the Catholic Church.

It promises to be an uplifting, grace-filled liturgy where, in the words of the invitation which will be prayed at the beginning of the Mass, we will “*meditate on how many great deeds God in times past did for his people*” and during which we will “*pray that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father sent as the first fruits for those who believe, may bring to perfection his work in the world.*”

We look forward to seeing you at the 5:00 p.m. Mass this coming Saturday, so that, “*by the bright rays of the Holy Spirit, the light of [God's] light may confirm the hearts of those born again by grace*” (taken from the Collect of the Vigil Mass).

### **Combined Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council Meeting**

I ask you to keep the Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council in your prayers on Tuesday of this week, May 19. That evening these two bodies will hold a combined meeting after praying Evening Prayer and having dinner together. Once a year these two leadership groups hold a combined meeting to look at some of the larger questions concerning the life of the parish. This year two main topics will occupy our time: following up on the Strengths-Finder process which began at the Parish Leadership Meeting (the meeting with the heads of all parish ministries and organizations) back at the end of April, and a discussion of how the reduction in the number of priests will affect things here at OLPH.

I consider this to be a very important meeting among two of the four primary leadership groups in the parish, and I ask for everyone’s prayers for our work that evening.

### **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, 

## 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.*

***Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense?***

First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, and it is His resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine.

Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:12-31; Romans 12:4-8). This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Mystical Body of Christ and the Eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the Eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ. The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist; the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272).



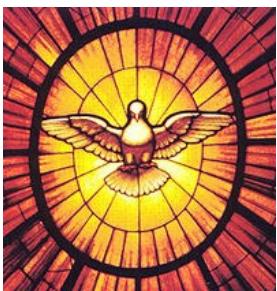
### Evening Prayer 2015

Interested in being a part of the committee of parishioners who plan and organize our Summer Evening Prayer? Meetings will begin soon!

If you're interested, contact Fr. John at 631.226.7725, x. 203 or e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org)



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP



# *Novena to the Holy Spirit*

The Novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas as it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Consider joining us for one or all sessions as we offer the novena on:

**Sunday, May 17—1:30 PM**

**Monday, May 18—6:45 PM**

**Tuesday, May 19—7:00 AM**

**Wednesday, May 20—6:45 PM**

**Thursday, May 21—7:00 AM**

**Friday, May 22—12:45 PM**

**Saturday, May 23—8:45 AM**

## **OFFERERS NEEDED**

### **NEXT SUNDAY—May 24, 2015**

Immediately after the 5:00 P.M. Mass The beautiful Easter decorations need to be taken down next Sunday evening. We need parishioners to assist us for about a half hour to forty-five minutes.

Can you please help us? If so, please leave a message in the Parish Office or e-mail Fr. John at [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org).



### **MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — those who serve at weekend Masses, and/or at weekday Masses, and/or to the Homebound, and/or at Funerals — are reminded to attend ONE (1) of the upcoming meetings for Extraordinary Ministers on **Tuesday, June 2**, at either **2:30 p.m.** or **7:30 p.m.** Both meetings will be in the church.

This mandatory meeting will include time for prayer and time to address important business items. All EM's are required to attend. Thank you.

## **HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE**

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm starting this Sunday, May 17. The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

### **Prayer for Peace**

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



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

*Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice  
and brotherly love.  
Banish from their hearts  
whatever might endanger peace.  
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and  
defend the great gift of peace.  
May all peoples of the earth  
become as brothers and sisters.  
May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always  
over us all. AMEN*

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

# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION



**WORLD  
MEETING OF  
FAMILIES  
2015 Philadelphia**

**PRE-REGISTRATION**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage  
To The Papal Mass**

Sunday, September 27, 2015

**Location:** Philadelphia

**Cost:** \$25 (*for coach bus*)

**Pick up Location:**

St. Agnes Cathedral,  
Rockville Centre

**Time:** TBA

This is a **pre-registration** only

\**You will receive an email at a  
later date to complete your  
registration and submit payment.*

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

Or contact Kathleen Logan  
516 678-5800 Ext 236



**Pre-register** online at [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org) or forward the completed pre-registration form below. Mail to Debbie Coyne, Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Town \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—ripalda1@verizon.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!

CANNED FRUIT  
COFFEE  
CEREAL  
GRANOLA BARS  
HONEY  
SMALL PKGS. INSTANT RICE  
INSTANT POTATOES  
JELLY & JAM  
SUGAR—ONE LB. BAG  
PAPER TOWELS

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
9 A.M.—12 Noon  
Saturday 1:30—3:00 P.M.**

Today as we celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves preparing for the gift of the Spirit that will come upon the Church at Pentecost.

As we continue to pray for that Spirit to pour into our hearts, let us remember that when we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

## SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



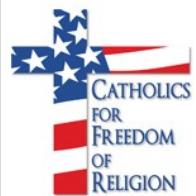
The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging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

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9am –12noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or at the Rectory.

For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725, x. 234..

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY Happenings

## CATHOLICS FOR THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION



Fortnight For Freedom 2015  
**“Freedom to Bear Witness”**  
 Rally for Religious Freedom

June 25—7:30 PM  
 Chaminade HS Auditorium,  
 Mineola

Keynote Speaker: Professor Robert P. George  
 Princeton Prof. Leading Lay Catholic Voice  
 Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre  
 & Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Call 631-896-8331 for information.

## 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,  
 11:30am—3:00pm

Join us for a time of Bingo, socializing and fun!  
**May 21, 2015** in Room 24. Everyone is welcome.

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

## HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

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

- New or Gently Used Bibles and Prayer Books
- Socks
- Men's Underwear (New ONLY; no extra-large)
- Nutritional/Protein Bars

- New or Gently Used Baseball Caps
- Sunscreen
- Ensure/Boost Nutritional Drinks
- Water
- Insect Repellent
- New or Gently Used Backpacks
- \$ 5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, etc.

## MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
 Are you looking to meet other women and men your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?*

**Tuesday, May 19:**

Topic: Available Supportive Services for Veterans Families.

Guest Speaker: John J. Rago, Suffolk County United Veterans Outreach Coordinator.

7pm in OLPH “New School” Room 18

**Wednesday, June 3rd:**

The Middle Ages First Anniversary Party.

7pm in OLPH “New School” Room 18.

Refreshments. All are invited to find out the exciting plans for year #2!

For information call Gail Tonnessen, 631-957-1449; [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 [carolstysiack@verizon.net](mailto:carolstysiack@verizon.net) and put Meal Ministry in the subject line, or call 631.255.3506.

## SENIOR MOMENTS GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

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

**Tuesday, May 26, 2015**  
**9:00-10:30 A.M. in Room 24**

# **YOUTH MINISTRY @ OLPH**

**High School & Middle School Youth Ministry:**

Brittany Marie Evans ([youth@olph.org](mailto:youth@olph.org))

**Youth Service Corps:** Fr. John Sureau ([jsureau@olph.org](mailto:jsureau@olph.org))

**Catholic Youth Organization:** Mr. Dave Reid ([dreid88@optonline.net](mailto:dreid88@optonline.net))

**CYO Website:** [www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo](http://www.leaguelineup.com/olphcyo)

**Boy Scouts:** Mr. Al Damone ([1203@optonline.net](mailto:1203@optonline.net))

**K of C Squires:** Mr. Frank Nicosia ([happynicosias@yahoo.com](mailto:happynicosias@yahoo.com))

## *Youth Ministry*

### **Middle School Youth Group...**

**7:30—8:45 P.M.**

All middle schoolers should enter and exit using  
the Wellwood Avenue Entrance.

Tuesday, May 26th -

#### **Messy Game Night**

Have some fun at our annual messy game night.  
You'll get messy but we bet you'll have a lot of  
fun too!

### **High School Youth Group...**

Sunday, May 17th –6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

#### **Heroes of the Church**

Sunday, May 24th - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

#### **Scavenger Hunt**

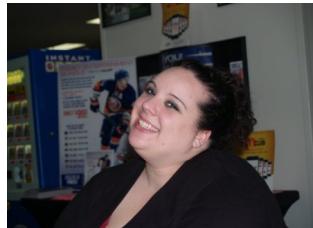
## *Save the Date...*

**Sunday June 7, 2015**

**5:00 P.M.**

### **Farewell Celebration for Brittany Evans**

On June 7th, we will gather at the 5:00 P.M. and  
pray for Brittany as she  
takes leave of her ministry as youth minister. A  
reception will follow immediately after Mass.



**Boys and Girls  
ages 11 to 17  
are invited to**

## **Join the Junior Legion of Mary**

Membership requires that you attend a meeting once a week, say a decade of the rosary, the Legion prayers and perform one-hour's charitable works. The works that you will be doing should be a lot of fun, such as making rosaries, cards for the sick and residents of nursing homes, visit the sick and homebound, bring children to Mass, assist CCD teachers, etc. Two adult members of the Legion of Mary will be present at all meetings.

The word Legion means Army. You will be valiant soldiers of Jesus and Mary. Your prayers and works will combat the evils in this world. Our ammunition is the rosary and the miraculous medal.

Please indicate your interest in becoming a member of the Junior Legion by completing the section below and returning it in the Sunday collection basket or just come to one of our meetings. We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. The meetings should be one hour. We look forward to meeting you.

I would like to become a member  
of the Junior Legion of Mary:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP SIGN UPS**



**SUMMER 2015!!!!**

# **OLPH Vacation Bible Camp**



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

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

## **CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM**

(Camp is for Nursery age—approximately age 4 — through Grade 5)

**Return form to Parish Office with a check for \$65 per child.**

**Please make checks payable to OLPH.**

**(Two children: only \$120; Three children: \$165)**

Child's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (in September 2015) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Names of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Family Address (Street, Town, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Parish (if not OLPH) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size XS   S   M   L   XL

### Emergency Contact Person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Office Use Only**  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received:  
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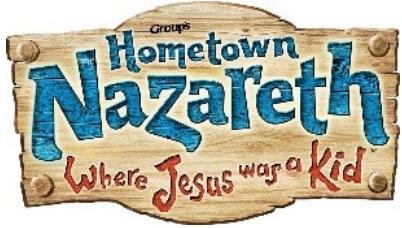
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
**June 30, 2015**

# OLPH Vacation Bible Camp

## OFFERER SIGN UP FORM



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

### For Youth Offerers:

Grade in school (Sept.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size

Youth      OR      Adult  
 S           M           L           XL

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

### For Adult Offerers:

Are you VIRTUS TRAINED?

YES NO

T-shirt size    S      M      L      XL

What areas can you specifically help us in?

Arts and Crafts

Fun and Games

Hospitality

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

First Aid

I'll do whatever is needed.

## OFFERER APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2015

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP UPDATES

#### DONATIONS AND OFFERERS NEEDED!!!

- + We are in need of Lowe's and Home Depot gift cards...no amount is too small. You can leave them in the Parish Office for VBC!
- + Offerers are needed for this year's Vacation Bible Camp. All adult volunteers (including anyone above high school age) must be VIRTUS trained. Get a head start and get VIRTUS trained if you have not already!

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Phone:** (631) 226-7725 **Parish Fax:** (631) 225-9597  
Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Deacon Tom Bast, Business Manager	204	tbast@oloph.org
Carmel Becker, Bulletin	246	cbecker@oloph.org
Patti Chavis, Parish Secretary	212	pchavis@oloph.org
Linda Coppola, Business Office Assistant	214	lcoppola@oloph.org
Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgrijoe@oloph.org
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Faith Formation Office	253	religiousued@oloph.org
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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
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  
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Lori Byron  
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Greg Guido  
Sonia Hansen  
John Keller  
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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

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John Reynolds

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

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Fr. John Sureau  
Alice Vozzo

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

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## WE CELEBRATE

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

### -Rite of Baptism



Jovani Brandon Polanco  
Yair Antonio Disla  
Alexa Elizabeth Dunn  
Layla Jade Kelly  
Mila Bobbi Ferazzoli

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

## WE REMEMBER

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

**Richard Fisher**  
**Elisabetta D'Aleo**

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

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of May 17-25:

**Altar Wine**  
In Memory of  
**Jack Ambrosio**  
Requested by  
**Violet Ambrosio**

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

## **GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS**

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



## WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

Christine Foster	Joan Cox
Margaret Girgenti	Stephen Knapp
Barbara LaPersonnieri	Marie Haack
Catherine Koster	Peter Masak
Bernadette Sinnott	Charles Lovascio
Lydia Correa	Victoria Trachte
Jean Kowenhoven	Josephine Ferraro
Florence Shea	Felicai Losdon
Salvatore Rizzolo	Gary Levitt
Carol Gilroy	Mary Doran
Lambert Fuechtmann	Dorothy Hritsko
Colleen Ullmer	John Hritsko
Alice Weckerle	Victoria Trachte
Richard Brosan	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 631-226-7725, x. 200.

## **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.

If you or a family member are ill and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office. One of our parish priests will come visit you and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will then visit each week.

We pray for the sick and the homebound of our parish at each and every Mass.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY, May 18—**
**Easter Weekday**
*(Saint John I, Pope & Martyr)*

6:30	Mother's Day Novena
12:15	Melchiore, Elizabeth & Thomas Cucchiara
7:00	Devotions

**TUESDAY, May 19—**
**Easter Weekday**

6:30	Josephine & Alfred Pentenreider
12:15	John Fairchild

**WEDNESDAY, May 20—**
**Easter Weekday**
*(Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest)*

6:30	Angela Romaniello
12:15	Anthony Serra
12:45	Exposition
6:00	Christian Mothers Enrollment Mass

**THURSDAY, May 21—**
**Easter Weekday**
*(St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions & Martyrs)*

6:30	Joseph Sredniawski
12:15	Joseph Ferriso

**FRIDAY, May 22—**
**Easter Weekday**
*(Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)*

6:30	Kristi Planz
12:15	Robert Stolz

**SATURDAY, May 23—**
**Easter Weekday**

8:00	The Savastano Family
4:00 – 4:45	Confessions

**Vigil for  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

5:00	William Maher
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**Sunday, May 24  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

6:30	Carol Grant
8:00	Eugene Guardell
9:30	Giovanni Riceputo
11:00	Anthony Gallo
12:30	Lawrence Lanza
5:00	For the People of the Parish

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

6:00 PM	Religious Education BBQ	Lawn
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation Meeting	St. Mark
7:00 PM	Novena Devotions	Church

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
5:45 PM	Combined Pastoral Staff/ Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
7:00 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:00 PM	Middle Ages	Room 18
7:45 PM	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

12:45 PM	Adoration	Church
1:50 PM	Daytime Prayer	Church
2:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Room 24
8:00 PM	Christian Mothers	Cafeteria

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**

7:00 AM	Tender Gardens Pre-K	Rooms 13/15
12:00 PM	Golden Age	Room 24
1:30 PM	Church Cleaning	Church
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 PM	K of C Bingo	Auditorium
7:30 PM	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 PM	Family Life Meeting	St. Lucy
8:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

**Friday, May 22, 2015**

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

**Saturday, May 23, 2015**

12:00 PM	Rehearsal for Pentecost Vigil	Church
1:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Open	Room 24
2:00 PM	CYO—Volleyball	Auditorium
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**Sunday, May 24, 2015**

9:30 AM	RCIA /RCIC	Rm. 18/16
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry High School	Auditorium
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

**May 9/10 2015**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>\$3,543.00</b>
<b>6:30 A.M.</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,578.00</b>
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2,260.00</b>
<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2,163.00</b>
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2,166.00</b>
<b>12:30 P.M.</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,295.00</b>
<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,161.50</b>
<b>Total coin:</b>			<b>26.56</b>
<b>Mail-ins:</b>			<b>484.00</b>
<b>Children's</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>59.40</b>
<b>Faith Direct</b>			<b>2098.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>\$17,834.46</b>
<b>2014 TOTAL</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>\$17,203.72</b>
<b>Candles</b>			<b>\$1059.90</b>
<b>Poor Box</b>			<b>\$339.02</b>
<b>1st Saturday</b>			<b>\$87.95</b>
<b>Catholic Elementary Schools Collection</b>			<b>\$1,716.00</b>



# K OF C Bingo

Every Thursday in the school auditorium.

Doors open at 6:15 pm

First game starts at 7:30 pm.

Over \$1,500.00 in prize money!

Specials, jackpots, and line bingo.

Coffee and cake are available.



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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God Bless You,

*Hugh Joe*

We are collecting...

## USED SOCCER SHOES USED OR NEW SOCCER BALLS

For Father Ignace Loleke, formerly of OLPH

Drop items off in the collection box located at the Religious Ed. Office

Any questions?

Contact Maria Fischer at 631.882.9887 or MPFischer725@aol.com

Learn more about Father Ignace's mission at [www.KicksForTheCongo.info](http://www.KicksForTheCongo.info)



## Green Thumbs Needed!



We are looking for a parishioner or two who could assist with planting the Easter plants/bulbs around the parish grounds. This is something you can do at your convenience and a great way to involve others in the life of our parish family. If you are interested and able, please contact Rosaleen Walters at 631.226.3575.

## PREPARING FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 24, 2015

**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.**

*Acts 2:4*

### **Acts 2:1-11**

In the Old Testament, **Pentecost** was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the Passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the way to spiritual freedom: the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in this New Covenant, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the gift of the new law, the new means to spiritual freedom, in **the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ.**

### **1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25**

We are the many called to become one in Christ the Lord. Our faith in Christ is given to us as a gift from God, bestowed upon us through the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit that makes us one as believers in Christ also equips each of us individually and uniquely with spiritual gifts or charisms. There are some features common to all charisms, despite their diversity: all are gifts (*charismata*), given by grace from outside ourselves; all are forms of service (*diakoniai*), an expression of their purpose and effect; and all are workings (*energēmata*), in which God is at work through each of us for the good of the one body, not for our own empowerment and satisfaction.

### **John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

As Jesus foretold in the last words He spoke to the Apostles before His death and resurrection, the fruit of His dying and glorious triumph over death would be the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. And as the saving work of Jesus was for reconciliation with God and the forgiveness of sins, the first fruit of the Spirit which Jesus imparts to the Apostles after His resurrection is His peace; the first charism is the power to forgive the sins of others in His name.

### **Gospel Reflection Questions....**

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

1. Jesus "breathed" on them. How does this relate to Genesis 2:7, "God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life?" What is the significance for you? How important is the Holy Spirit to you?

2. In his homily at Mass for the Feast of Pentecost with New Movements Pope Francis asks us the following questions:

Are we open to 'God's surprises'? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new?

Pope Francis at Pentecost:  
Newness, Harmony and Mission,  
May 19, 2013, Vatican Radio

## **Readings for the Week**

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

### **Monday, May 18, 2015:**

Acts 19:1-8 + John 16:29-33

### **Tuesday, May 19, 2015:**

Acts 20:17-27 + John 17:1-11a

### **Wednesday, May 20, 2015:**

Acts 20:28-38 + John 17:11b-19

### **Thursday, May 21, 2015:**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
+ John 17:20-26

### **Friday, May 22, 2015:**

Acts 25:13b-21 + John 21:15-19

### **Saturday, May 23, 2015:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
+ John 21:20-25

### **Sunday, May 24, 2015**

Acts 2:1-11  
+ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
+ John 20:19-23

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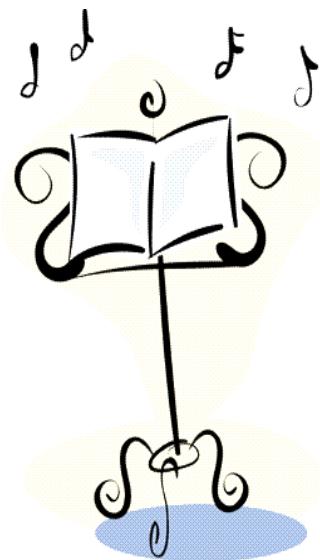
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7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Lindenhurst

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Requested Offering

- \$10 Adults
- \$5 for Senior Citizens and Students
- \$20 for the whole family



Refreshments and Raffle Prizes will follow in the auditorium. If you would like to make a dessert, please e-mail [hospitality@oloph.org](mailto:hospitality@oloph.org).

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