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*Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:10

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2015

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Rev. John Sureau, Rev. Fidelis Ezeani

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

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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 5:00 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 p.m. 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 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. 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.

OLPH: THE PLACE TO BE

St. Agnes Award Johanna Cito



On Sunday, October 25, Bishop William Murphy honored lay people from the Diocese with the Saint Agnes Medal of Service during a prayer service at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre. One individual or married couple from each of the 133 parishes in the Diocese had been chosen.

“Honorees are lay people whose love of the Church has been shown through the devotion to the Holy Father, to our diocese and to their parish,” said Bishop Murphy. “They are the unsung heroes in our midst who build up our parish communities by extraordinary service in parish ministry, parish administration or some significant volunteer role.”



Level 6 Commitment Service

This past Sunday, Level 6 students took the first official step in their Confirmation journey! Check out the photos!



PASTOR'S PAGE

All Saints Day

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, and the liturgical rank of today's feast is such that it replaces the Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today we remember all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. The Gospel reading for Mass is the Beatitudes, which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of holiness in the Christian life. The Beatitudes tell us how to live a life of holiness so that we may be happy in this life and have even more happiness in the next life as we strive to be numbered among all the saints in heaven.

Being in communion with all the saints is one of the main themes that make up the meaning of this solemnity. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Mass reminds us of the great cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded as the prayer mentions that in this celebration we venerate the merits of all the saints. The prayer also reminds us that we can count on the intercession of all the saints. Of course, every time we celebrate the Eucharist we do so in the Communion of Saints, and they celebrate with us. Also, the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer makes reference to "the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you [God] eternal praise." The heavenly Jerusalem is where our brothers and sisters who have gone before us give God eternal praise, and in this life we are pilgrims who seek to advance to the heavenly city aided by the strength and example of the saints.

All Souls Day and Month of Remembrance

Each year the Church celebrates The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also called All Souls Day, on November 2, the day after All Saints Day. Tomorrow, Monday, we will celebrate our annual Parish Mass of Remembrance with the solemn reading of names at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by hospitality. I do hope you will join in this prayer.

This is a unique day on the liturgical calendar, in a category all by itself. It is neither a solemnity nor a feast, but rather it is a commemoration, yet it is a commemoration that outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time when it falls on a Sunday (as it did last year). Prayers for the dead have been a part of the life of the Church from its earliest days. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the

dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. That the end of our life here on earth points to a future fulfillment is also a major part of our Christian understanding of death; we profess this every time we recite the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

All Souls Day proclaims to us the centrality of the Paschal Mystery in Christian faith: because of Jesus' death and resurrection, death leads to new life for all those united to Christ. Therefore, because of our faith in the risen Christ, we can find hope in death. For me, this is summed up best in the words of Preface I for the Dead which can be used as part of the Eucharistic Prayer in Funeral Masses; that prayer reads: "In him [Christ] the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."

Those are beautiful words, indeed, that bring us comfort and hope!

Cremation and Disposition of Cremated Remains

During this month of remembrance, as our focus includes reflecting on the meaning of Christian death, it is appropriate to discuss something that has become a fairly common part of funerals in America — cremation. As you probably know, in 1997 the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome granted permission to the dioceses of the United States to allow the presence of the cremated remains of a body at the funeral liturgy. It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's views on cremation.

In essence, when considering the question of cremation, the Church's main concern is that the dignity of the human body and our reverence for it not be compromised in any way. It is the presence of the body at the funeral rites that confronts us with the mystery of life and death, a mystery that should not be glossed over or denied. The body is connected to personhood: "...the body which lies in death naturally recalls the personal story of faith, the loving family bonds, the friendships, and the words and acts of kindness of the deceased person. Indeed, the human body is inex-

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trically associated with the human person..." (*Order of Christian Funerals #411*)

In addition to these "natural" concerns for the human body, there are also supernatural considerations, most notably in the faith life of the deceased: "The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the Bread of Life." (*OCF #412*) Catholic faith sees the body as a body "in Christ" and as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a body that is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Indeed, the Church's deep concern about maintaining the dignity of the human body is expressed even in the terminology used: the designation that is used in the funeral rites is "cremated remains," not "cremains." The thinking is that the wording "cremated remains" better signifies the dignity to be afforded the mortal remains, as opposed to a funeral-industry slang term such as "cremains."

All of this taken together means that while cremation is permitted, it does not have the same value as does burial of the body. The Church has a clear preference that the body of the deceased at least be present for the funeral rites if at all possible, and that cremation take place afterward if it is to be done, "...since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites." (*OCF #413*)

However, if it is not possible for this to happen and cremation is going to take place before the rites, the Church makes a pastoral accommodation, and the funeral liturgy may be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. Nonetheless, the reverence and care which would be given to the body must also be given to the cremated remains; this is an important point that is often overlooked. Although the cremated remains are a different form of the body, they are still nevertheless the mortal remains of the Christian, so they are to be treated in exactly the same way as a body. Catholics should think of it this way: whatever one would or would not do with the body of the deceased is what one should or should not do with the cremated remains. Thus, there must be a worthy vessel to hold the cremated remains, and that vessel is to be carried and transported with dignity and care. The cremated remains are to be buried in a grave or placed in a mausoleum or columbarium. Scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted, nor is keep-

ing the cremated remains at home permitted. Additionally, it is not permitted to divide up the cremated remains so that some may be placed in jewelry or other keepsakes, an option that is now being offered by the funeral industry. Finally, if at all possible, a plaque or stone should record the name of the deceased at the place where the cremated remains are interred. (cf. *OCF #417*)

It's important for all Catholics to be aware of the Church's teaching concerning what is and what is not permitted concerning cremation.

Farewell to Fr. Alfred

We knew this day was coming, but we are sad that it has finally arrived: Fr. Alfred Okakpu, who has been in residence at OLPH, has completed his studies and is now being called back home by his Bishop. He will be teaching liturgy in a seminary in Nigeria and will be given other diocesan responsibilities. We have been so blessed to have had Fr. Alfred and to have been the recipients of his priestly ministry. So many of you have commented on how you have enjoyed him at Mass and have benefited from his excellent homilies.

Fr. Alfred's last weekend Mass here will be on Sunday, November 15. We will be gathering at the 12:30 p.m. Mass on that Sunday to celebrate a Mass at which Fr. Alfred will preside and preach, so we can offer him our prayers, gratitude and good wishes. After the Mass we will have hospitality in our auditorium so parishioners can offer personal expressions of gratitude and farewell. Please make every effort to attend as a way of thanking and honoring Fr. Alfred.

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,



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD



Beginning November 1st a special book will be placed in the Divine Mercy Chapel for members of our parish community to write down the names of loved ones who have died. The names in this book will be remembered at our Masses throughout the month of November.

(PLEASE NOTE: This is not the Book of Intentions and only the names of the deceased, without any intention, should be written in this book when it is placed in the Chapel.)

All Souls Day Novena

All Souls Day Novena envelopes are now available throughout the Church. These envelopes are a meaningful way for you to have your deceased loved ones prayed for in the Novena of Masses for All Souls Day. Take an envelope, fill out the name of the deceased, and return the envelope with your donation. Envelopes may be returned either in the collection basket or at the rectory. Special Masses will be offered for nine (9) days for these intentions for the deceased.

Special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance **7:30 p.m. Mass** **Monday, November 2**

We will celebrate a special All Souls Parish Mass of Remembrance on **All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 at the 7:30 p.m. Mass**. At this Mass we will pray by name for all who have died in our parish community over the past year. All families who have celebrated a funeral Mass at OLPH in the past year are being specially invited, and all parishioners, whether or not they have experienced a loss, are invited to come and join in prayer.

Following the Mass, all are welcome for hospitality. Please consider participating in this Mass to join together in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters who have lost a loved one in the past year.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died.

This year, our Liturgy Committee will prepare a special Altar of Remembrance in the Divine Mercy Chapel. **Beginning today, November 1st, you are invited to place a picture on the altar so that we may remember your loved ones and pray for each other.** Please limit the size of your photo (perhaps no larger than 4 x 6) so that there is room for everyone who wishes to participate. You may place the picture in a small frame.

Write your name and phone number on the back of the picture.

We ask you to pick up your picture by Wednesday, November 28.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Mondays**



The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition. Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Laboure. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, November 2—6:30 p.m.

(due to All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance)

Monday, November 9—7:00 p.m.

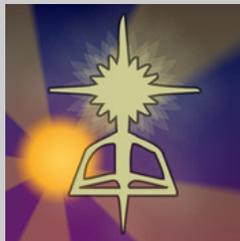
Monday, November 16—7:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturday and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day. Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.

So come and pray...

**Saturdays
and Sundays
After the
5:00 p.m. Mass**



“The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself ‘continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.’”

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

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 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** 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 al-
ways over us all. AMEN*

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



PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

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.



HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED!

Can you help our Hospitality Ministry by sharing a homemade baked good/dessert for the reception after the All Souls Day of Remembrance? If so, leave a message at the Parish Office or e-mail to hospitality@oloph.org.

Desserts can be dropped off in the Auditorium before Mass or during the day at the Parish Office.

CLOSING OF WELLWOOD AVENUE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

We have been informed by the Town of Babylon that due to the "Run for the Warriors" on Saturday, November 7, **Wellwood Avenue will be closed from Sunrise Highway to Hoffman Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.** Please take this under advisement if you are planning to travel to OLPH using that portion of Wellwood Avenue during that time period.

Go to www.hopeforthewarriors.org for more information about the event.



FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

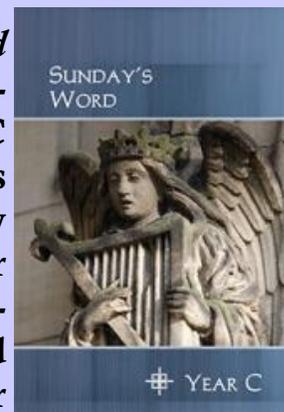
First Friday Devotions will take place **November 6** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **November 7** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass. A continental breakfast will follow in the cafeteria.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on SATURDAY, November 7 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, then Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

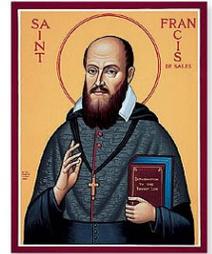
THE NEW SUNDAY'S WORD FOR 2016

The new *Sunday's Word* book for the new liturgical cycle, Year C (2016) which begins with the First Sunday of Advent (November 29, 2015) is now available at the rectory and may be purchased for \$2.00.



OLPH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Hi! My name is St. Francis de Sales, and I'm the patron saint of writers. That's why your Pastoral Council has picked me as their patron and intercessor in this column which they offer to you. Here we will grow in our appreciation of the Catholic faith through questions and answers. So, I encourage all of you to send me your questions about Catholicism. All questions are welcomed and all will remain just between you and me (we won't print your name in the bulletin). Please e-mail pastoralcouncil@oloph.org and each time this column appears, a new question will be answered. So, let's get started! I'll pray for you what I pray for everyone: May the Lord grant you His peace!



“Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.” - St. Ignatius of Antioch

Question 9: I pray at home, so why do I have to physically go to Church to celebrate Mass?

Yes, a common question. If God is everywhere and He knows me, He can hear my prayers at home or wherever I am, so why go to Church? Well, there are two parts to the question. One is going to Church, and the other is celebrating Mass. Let's focus on part one.

We sometimes think of Church as the actual building we worship in. But the word “Church” can also be defined as a group that is called together. Think of our Universal Church as being made up of all the people who believe in Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe in Jesus, we're baptized in the Holy Spirit, and we follow His teachings. OK, so now you may be thinking, if I get a group of believers of the Lord together and invite them over the house, I would form my own group, i.e., Church. Well, in some ways you would be right. This is how our original Christian Church began — Christians coming together to celebrate Mass. Ahhhh! The key word in that prior sentence is “Mass.” On to part two!

The celebration of Mass is the ultimate celebration for us Christians. It's so ultimate that outside of Good Friday and Holy Saturday, by most ancient tradition, Mass is celebrated every day. Yes, every day, not just Sundays. Our Lord Jesus Christ, comes to actually meet us with His Body and Blood through the Eucharist. It's not something to take lightly and not something we can do at home, unless, of course, we are ill and have a Eucharistic Minister bring us the Host, but that's still not Mass — it's (only) receiving Holy Communion. But Mass is not about us only receiving. No! It's also about us coming together to celebrate and enter into the Lord's Sacrifice which is made present at Mass. It's about us making time for the Lord (for many of us with the schedules we have, this is a big sacrifice, **but** not bigger than the one Jesus made for us). It's about us coming together as a community to pray together, to bring our gifts forward (not only our financial offerings, but our pains, joys, and sorrows) and offering them to the Lord so we can receive Him back in return. It's all about the Lord and us becoming one, in communion with each other.

There are two main parts in the celebration of the Eucharist, i.e., the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Then there are two other parts, the Introductory Rites, which begin the Mass, and the Concluding Rites, which end the Mass. Each part leads into the other and each part serves a certain purpose: from gathering together as one community, preparing to enter into the sacred mysteries, to hearing the Word of the Lord, to recalling and entering into His Sacrifice and then receiving the Lord, to going out and serving the Lord. For most of us, Sunday Mass is that weekly reset we so desperately need. We may stumble during the week (we all do), but by being one with the Lord through this celebration, the Lord will transform us in ways you can never imagine.

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This is such a rich experience that once we get into the habit of celebrating Mass regularly, it's not so much a question of why I have to physically go to Church to celebrate Mass, but rather how can I not attend Church for this awesome celebration.

Mass Tip #1: If you want to get more out of Mass, get into the habit of reading the Scriptures before attending Mass. To make this easy, the readings for the week are listed on the last page of the bulletin. Start small by reflecting on next Sunday's Scripture during the week (first reading, second reading, and the Gospel). Too much to handle? Start smaller by just reading the Gospel. It's God's Word, so you may want to listen to what He's telling you.

Mass Tip #2: Reflect on your own words. For example, don't just rush through the Our Father when we recite it during Mass. Try to reflect on what you're saying, i.e., "thy will be done." Or "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Mass is interactive. We sometimes say words out of habit, but we don't take the time to reflect on their true meaning. With a little effort, we can all be impacted during Mass. We can all encounter Jesus. Do you want to try a simple exercise tonight? Try saying one Our Father or one Hail Mary in no less than three minutes. Then ask yourself how much more the prayer meant to you. Remember, it's not quantity, but quality.

Looking forward to seeing you at Mass!



Fr. Alfred's Farewell Celebration

Sunday, November 15
12:30 p.m. Mass



Join our parish community as we give thanks for Fr. Alfred's presence among us and wish him well as he returns to Nigeria to serve in the seminary and in his diocese.

A reception will follow in the School Auditorium after Mass.

MUSIC NOTES

An Invitation to Sing with the Choir for Special Events

Would you like to sing with the adult choir for special events but can't commit to sing every Sunday? We'd love to have you sing for some upcoming special events like the Thanksgiving Day Mass (November 26), Advent Lessons and Carols (December 11) or Christmas Midnight Mass (December 25). College students are especially welcome. Call Chris

Ferraro at 226-7725 ext. 210 or email cferraro@oloph.org for more information or to discuss what the commitment might entail. Reading music is not required.



FAMILIES COMING TOGETHER!

FAMILIES IN SERVICE

Sunday, November 15th —
After the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Our Family Life committee is always seeking ways to bring together families for times of fellowship and service. This month, we will gather together to make sandwiches for our Homeless Ministry and local shelters.

Here's how this works...

- ✦ Over the next few weeks, as a family, save your change or allowance or any extra monies you receive.
- ✦ On Saturday the 14th or early the 15th, go to the store and buy the makings of a good sandwich—cold cuts, bread, toppings, etc.
- ✦ Bring that all with you to Mass on November 15th (you can leave it in your car, bring it to Mass, or drop it off in the Café before Mass).
- ✦ Gather in the Cafeteria after Mass and put together the sandwiches with other families in service!
- ✦ Then we'll deliver them either on Sunday or early the following week!



Look in next week's bulletin for more info! If you have any questions, or can help with donations (always helpful!), contact Jessica Ladolcetta or Ann Marie Wagner at familylife@oloph.org.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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 Coordinator: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
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NEW OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Happy All Saint's Day!



Petite Thérèse



From left:
 Therese of
 Lisieux,
 Kateri Tekakwitha,
 Valentine,
 Francis of Assisi,
 John Paul II

Covenant Weekend!

Over the past two weeks, students in Level 8 participated in a presentation about Christian morality and how to apply that in today's world. Students worked in small groups, learned about some of the foundations of morality and related this to decisions in today's world, including the discernment of God's call to the sacrament of Confirmation.



Classes Beginning This Week

Teen Confirmation

Begins Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Special Penance and Communion

Begins Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Catch-Up Class

Begins Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

Reminder to Level 1 Families:

There will be a **Parent/Child Workshop** on *Saturday, November 7th* during regular session times. Parent and child should proceed to classroom to take attendance first.



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 OLPH Religious Education

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- † 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: Caroline Grogan—(631)225-7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Widows/Widowers: Rita Gardell—631.252.5494

NEW Food Pantry List!

PEANUT BUTTER
 JELLY OR JAM
 CANNED BEANS
 CANNED MEAT
 CANNED FISH
 CHILI
 PASTA (SPAGHETTI, ZITI)
 SHELF STABLE MILK
 TOOTHPASTE
 TOOTH BRUSHES

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
9:00 a.m.—12 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with
 all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
 with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as
 yourself.”

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de
 Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love
 of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and
 frightened.



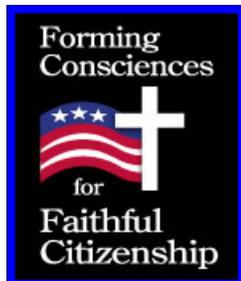
The OLPH Conference of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Cards** are now available. The Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the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

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. –12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday) or at the Rectory. For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday,
November 3rd



Don't forget about your political
and moral obligation to vote!

Visit www.nyscatholic.org for more
information about state and local issues.



Catholics For Freedom of Religion

Saints and Martyrs:

The total number of Christians martyred in the early Church is unknown. It is known that persecution occurred through stoning, crucifixion, burning at the stake or other forms of torture. The period before Constantine (3rd century) was the "Age of the Martyrs." Today we are seeing another "Age of the Martyrs" as tens of thousands of Christians are violently killed every year.

Religious persecution of Christians is rampant worldwide where followers of Jesus are the targets of religious cleansing. Pope Francis has repeatedly decried the persecution and begged the world for help, but it has had little impact. "Western leaders ... will be remembered for their near silence as this human rights tragedy unfolds," said author Kirsten Powers. (usatoday.com, 4/21/15)

EVENTS: Wed., Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Thomas Renker, Esq. & Barbara Samuells, CFFR President, will speak about denials of religious freedom in America, Our Lady of Victory School - Memorial Hall, 2 Bellmore St., Floral Park, NY 11001

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."

I was in prison ...



Matthew 25:35-36

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

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.

Prison Families Anonymous (PFA)

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.

The PFA Support Group provides a safe, non-judgmental place where those in similar situations can connect with each other. 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
at 7:30 p.m. at the**

**Community Presbyterian Church
1843 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park, NY 11729**

&

**1st Tuesday of every month
at 7:30 p.m. at the**

**St. Anthony Hall across from St. Brigid's Church
75 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590**

Email: pfa.longisland@gmail.com Website: www.pfa-li.com

For additional information contact:

516-496-7550 FEGS

631-943-0441 Barbara

631-806-3903 Sue

HELP FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN OUR OWN PARISH!

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2015

Each year, we ask members of our parish family to adopt families in need. Traditionally, we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for over 100 families. We expect an increase in requests for help this year.

If you can help, please fill out the form below or contact St. Vincent de Paul Office at 631.226-7725 X 234 or complete the tear off below and return it in the Collection Basket—
for *Thanksgiving by Nov. 8* and *Christmas by Nov. 15*.



Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

YES! We would like to provide for a family in need for

THANKSGIVING

CHRISTMAS

We can provide for a family of 2 3 4 5 More than 5

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET

HOMELESS MINISTRY...IN NEED!!!!

Our Homeless Ministry ministers each Wednesday evening to local homeless. Each week, we meet, serve and minister to between 15 and 20 individuals in our local community.

CLOTHING DONATIONS

As the cooler (and wetter) weather is coming, our Homeless Ministry is in pretty desperate need of: **Sweatshirts (all sizes) + hoodies + long sleeve t-shirts (all sizes) + thermal tops & bottoms (all sizes) + winter jackets (preferably waterproof) + sleeping bags + backpacks + men's pants & underwear (mediums most needed) + Men's T-shirts (mediums most needed) + women's underwear (These must be in new, unopened packages.)**

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

FOOD DONATIONS

Can you or your ministry help to make sandwiches or soup for one of our van runs? If so, contact Regina Muir at rmuir11@aol.com.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

THE *blue*door BOUTIQUE

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Open Sunday, November 22nd
1:30—3:00 p.m.

The entrance to the Thrift Boutique is on the south side of the parish campus, next the St. Vincent de Paul bins.

Park using the Gates Street / High Street Parking Lot.

THE BLUE DOOR BOUTIQUE...Now open!

The Blue Door Thrift Boutique is our parish's latest effort to serve the poor and vulnerable in our parish community—and a great way to get a deal for our parishioners! You can find some great items—clothing, housewares, religious goods and much more! The first week of ministry has been a wonderful one! **Come and support our latest parish social ministry effort!**

DONATIONS

Donations are gratefully accepted and a receipt is gladly provided to anyone who drops off donations during The Blue Door open hours. Due to limited space, certain items **cannot** be accepted including: bathing suits, underwear, anything electric, large furniture items, stuffed animals, sleeping pillows, disposable plastic food containers, knives, clothing with stains or rips, footwear that is not in good condition, sheets. **We are in special need of knickknacks, nice religious items and good houseware items.**

If you have a question about any items you'd like to donate, please email thebluedoor@oloph.org.

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?

**Our next meeting: Wed. November 4
at 7:00 p.m. in Room 10**

Current project: Making Christmas Wreaths for the Veterans in Yaphank. For information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631.957.1449 or email to gtonness@optonline.net.

RESPECT LIFE

NEXT RESPECT LIFE MEETING

**Thursday, November 5
at 7:30 p.m.
in Room 21**

SENIOR MOMENTS

GIVE YOURSELF A CHALLENGE

The Senior Moments Ministry is a committed spiritual family who meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday from September to June and on the 4th Tuesday only in July and August.

Our next meeting will be
**9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10
in Room 24**

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Our next Special Needs Mass for those who with special needs and those who love them will be celebrated on

**Saturday, November 7, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

In the Auditorium

Are you interested in being a part of our Special Needs Ministry? If so, come and find out more about our ministry. Our next meeting will be:

**Monday, November 9, 2015
4:30 p.m.—Room 16**

Want to help prepare for our monthly Mass and other special needs events? Contact Caroline Grogan at (631) 225-7688 or email to straightclaw@optonline.net.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

Widows and Widowers provides a comfortable, social setting for men and women who have lost a spouse to support and encourage one another.

Our next meeting will take place on
**Thursday, November 12
6:00 p.m. in Room 16.**

For information call Rita Gardell at 631.252.5494

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 p.m. en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

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

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

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email:

jsureau@oloph.org o en español, Irma González 631-620-2401 o correo electrónico:

lanegra628@yahoo.com.

Evangelio del domingo 8 de noviembre del 2015

Reflexiones de las lecturas del Domingo 8 de Noviembre del 2015

Primera Lectura (1Reyes 17,10-16): Dio lo Último que Tenía

En tiempo de hambruna, una viuda pagana da sus últimas provisiones al profeta Elías porque éste se lo pide en nombre de Dios. Ambos, el profeta y la viuda, confían que Dios proveerá.

Segunda Lectura (Hebreos 9,24-28): Cristo se Sacrificó por Todos

Cristo ofreció a Dios no dones artificiales, hechos por mano humana, sino que se dio a sí mismo sin medida. Por esto su sacrificio, ofrecido de una vez para siempre, tuvo suficiente poder para salvarnos.

Evangelio (Marcos 12,38-44):

Jesús nos da muchas advertencias acerca de los escribas y los fariseos, de los que se habla en todo el discurso de Jesús, somos nosotros, llamados a reconocerlos a ellos. Ellos han usurpado el puesto de Moisés, que liberó el pueblo de la esclavitud y transmitió las diez palabras de vida. Ocuparán también el puesto de Jesús, el hijo de Dios manso y humilde de corazón

¿Hasta qué punto nos atrevemos nosotros, cristianos, a vivir en las manos de Dios? Como cristianos, ¿no debería ser esa nuestra marca registrada, “denominación de origen”, juntamente con el amor de unos para con otros? --- Se supone que amamos tanto a Dios que confiamos en él completa y absolutamente, sin condiciones, sin miedo ni vacilación. Ése fue el estilo de vida de Jesús, quien vivió totalmente en las manos de su Padre. Incluso en su muerte humillante en la cruz pudo exclamar: “Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu”. Aun siendo nosotros tímidos y débiles, ofrecemos ahora, con Cristo nuestro Señor, nuestra confianza al Padre y le confiamos también todos nuestros seres queridos.

On October 6th, *The Knights of Columbus* presented the winners of the 2015 OLPH Golf Outing – Go for the Green Raffle with their prizes. Congratulations to Diane Moskov, Catrina De Bardelaben and Tom Romano for being the winners of this year's raffle. The **5th Annual OLPH Golf Outing** was held on Monday September 21st at Rock Hill Golf Course. The Golf Committee would like to thank the many parishioners of OLPH Parish, the various event sponsors and the 76 golfers who helped make this year's event a success. Your support allows the OLPH Knights of Columbus Council #794 to raise money for our Parish, and to support various charities supported by the Council. Calling all golfers to mark your calendars for **Monday, September 19, 2016** for the **6th Annual OLPH Golf Outing**.

Pictured (l-r) are: Phil Renna, Grand Knight; Bob Dobres, Co-Chairman 2015 Golf Outing; Go for the Green Winners: Diane Moskov, Katrina DeBardelaben, Tom Romano; Mike Hearney, Co-Chairman 2015 Golf Outing; Fr John Sureau.



SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
April Kleinlaut, Coordinator of Faith Formation	257	acarbaugh@oloph.org
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
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

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

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Robert Dobres
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Deacon Tom Bast
Gerry Chille (Chair)
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Bob Meade
John Reynolds

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

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrococo
Chris Ferraro
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Amy Keller
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Fr. John Sureau
Mike Williams

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



*Luka Nikolas Knezevich
Stephen Anthony Miller
Anthony Michael Poznanski*

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

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

<i>Jennifer Vacca-Campbell</i>	<i>Dorothy Catena</i>
<i>John Gusmano</i>	<i>Jordan Manning</i>
<i>Theresa Cording</i>	<i>Theresa Caltabiano</i>
<i>Herbert Otten</i>	<i>Patricia O'Shea</i>
<i>Carol Ann Alma</i>	<i>Tony Gallo</i>
<i>Bernadette Sinnot</i>	<i>Carol Gilroy</i>
<i>Vita Pierno</i>	<i>Juliette Fredericks</i>
<i>Antoinette Ryan</i>	<i>Donna Russo</i>
<i>Stephen Nocella</i>	<i>Laura Ann Jacobsen</i>
<i>Joan Cox</i>	<i>Mary Pellegrino</i>
<i>Margaret Girgenti</i>	<i>Theresa Peragine</i>
<i>Annie Maes</i>	<i>Laura Kercelius</i>
<i>Nancy Didio</i>	<i>Antoinette Jean Ryan</i>
<i>Bette LeVasseur</i>	<i>Dorothea McGowan</i>

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

MASS MEMORIALS

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of

November 1-7:

Altar Bread & Wine

In Memory of

Victoria Rean

Requested by

The Schneider

&

Brennan Families

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

Attention All Parish Ministry Leaders

PLEASE NOTE THE UPCOMING

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Publication Date	Bulletin Submissions Due By:
November 22 nd	November 13 th
November 29 th	November 16 th (change because of Thanksgiving and earlier deadline)
December 6 th	November 27 th (change because of the earlier deadline)
December 13 th	December 4 th
December 20 th	December 11 th
Christmas Bulletin	December 11 th
December 27 th	December 18 th (change because of the earlier deadline)

WE REMEMBER

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

William Michael Lisa

Mary Theresa Pugh

Kevin Smith

Helen E. Trocchio

Concetta Troiano

"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."

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, November 2—

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

6:30 Angela Romaniello

12:15 Giuseppe Lentini

6:30 Devotions

7:30 Parish Mass of Remembrance
(All Souls Novena)

TUESDAY, November 3

Weekday

(Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)

6:30 All Souls Novena

12:15 Lawrence Fleming

WEDNESDAY, November 4—

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 All Souls Novena

12:15 Marie Roeper

12:45 Exposition

THURSDAY, November 5—

Weekday

6:30 The Savastano Family

12:15 All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, November 6—

Weekday

6:30 All Souls Novena

12:15 Phyllis F. Santo

SATURDAY, November 7—

Weekday

8:00 All Souls Novena

4:00 –
4:45 Confessions

Vigil for

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 Special Needs Mass (Auditorium)

5:00 William Maher

Sunday, November 8

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 William Sullivan

8:00 Holy Name Society

9:30 Frank Stancati

11:00 For The People of the Parish

12:30 All Souls Novena

5:00 Ann Gonzalez

Monday, November 2, 2015

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
6:30 p.m.	Devotions	Church
7:15 p.m.	Level 8 Classes	School
8:30 p.m.	Reception after Parish All Souls Remembrance Mass	Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:00 p.m.	Junior Legion of Mary	Room 24
7:30 p.m.	Pre-Cana Closing Mass	Church
8:00 p.m.	Community of Praise Prayer	Room 16
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
2:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Room 24
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Middle Ages	Room 10
7:00 p.m.	Homeless Van Ministry	Room 13
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Classes	School
7:30 p.m.	Level 7 Parent/Child Workshop	Church

Thursday, November 5, 2015

2-6:00p.m.	Church closed for cleaning	Church
4:00 p.m.	CYO Cheerleading	Auditorium
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
7:00 p.m.	Parent Baptismal Prep Class	Room 16
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 p.m.	Adult Formation— Msgr. Joe: Liturgy, Prayer & Spirituality	Room 18
7:30 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	Respect Life Meeting	Room 21
7:30 p.m.	Family Life Planning Meeting	St. Mark's
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous	Room 24

Friday, November 6, 2015

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (Young People)	Room 24

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Levels 1—5 Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Special Needs Mass	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

Sunday, November 8, 2015

9:30 a.m.	Pre-Cana Blessing of Couples	Church
11:00 a.m.	RCIA/RCIC Dismissal	Church
2:00 p.m.	Baptisms	Church
2:30 p.m.	CYO Volleyball	Auditorium
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Church
7:00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace	Church
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE October 24/25, 2015

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	385	158	\$4,066.50
6:30 a.m.	92	35	1,240.00
8:00 a.m.	220	80	2,011.00
9:30 a.m.	359	71	1,937.00
11:00 a.m.	360	150	3,117.00
12:30 p.m.	312	80	1,945.00
5:00 p.m.	257	47	1,355.50
Total coin:			20.85
Mail-ins:			1,119.00
Children's Envelopes		18	195.50
Faith Direct			1,979.25
TOTAL	1,985	639	\$18,986.60
2014 TOTAL	2,154	720	\$17,890.92
Candles			\$983.50
Poor Box			\$312.79

Special Collection to Defray the Cost of the New Boilers

All parishioners are reminded to kindly return their donations in the special envelopes for the special collection to help defray the cost of the new boilers, as Msgr. Joe discussed in his report to the parish. These new boilers will provide heat for the church and rectory. You may wish to consider taking some extra envelopes to share with your children or other family members who were parishioners of OLPH at one time and who may wish to help this parish which they still carry close in their heart. Thank you for your generosity in helping us defray this extraordinary expense of \$415,000.

Are you watching... **INSIGHT?**

Msgr. Joe's television show **INSIGHT**, which he co-hosts with Bishop Robert Brennan and Bishop Nelson Pérez, can be seen airing weekly on Telecare, channel 29 on Cablevision, on these days:



Mondays at 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11:00 p.m.
Fridays at 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 p.m.

The *Knights of Columbus Council Squires Program* is looking for Catholic young men ages 10 – 18 years old to join their Youth program. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at the *American Legion Hall* on Herbert Street in Lindenhurst at 7:30pm. For more information please contact

Chief Squire Conor Gracey at 565-4983 or **Chief Counselor Tom Romano** at 561-7052 or just come down to one of our meetings.

And find out about their *Knights 200 Club!*
Drawings start in January 2016.
Call **Tom Romano** at 561-7052 for details.



Holy Name Society

will be outside the church the weekends of
Nov. 7/8 & 14/15
selling

“Turkey Raffles”

Please stop by and support
their annual fundraiser!



PREPARING FOR November 8, 2015 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty.”

Mark 12:43-44

1 Kings 17:10-16

As a demonstration that the Lord is the one true God, not the pagan god Baal, who was thought to be the sky god, the god of the weather, the Prophet Elijah's prayers had brought a great drought and famine to the land. Only the prayers of Elijah would cause the rains to come again. One step at a time, God had led Elijah to preach repentance and to suffer hardships, and Elijah followed the Lord's commands in faith. Here the Lord tests the faith of both His prophet and of a gentile widow who is on the verge of starving to death. Both are called to live on nothing but what the Lord will provide for them one day at a time, with each playing their part to witness to the other that the Lord is faithful to those who remain faithful to Him.

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews paints a series of contrasts between Jesus, our great high priest, and the sacrificial system of atonement that pre-figured His redeeming work. In the person and the sacrifice of Christ is found the reality and the full accomplishment of what the Levitical priestly practices could only hope for and symbolize: the freeing of God's people from both the power and consequences of sin.

Mark 12:38-44

In the act of giving everything she had been given back to God despite the cost, the widow singled out by Jesus represents those whose complete devotion to and dependence on God leads to their blessedness. The Scribes, however, are condemned, as they seek honor only for themselves, falsely believing that their personal wealth and earthly power over others are signs of God's blessing and favor.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, November 2, 2015:

Wisdom 3:1-9 + Romans 5:5-11
+ John 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3, 2015:

Romans 12:5-16b
+ Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4, 2015:

Romans 13:8-10 + Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5, 2015:

Romans 14:7-12 + Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 6, 2015:

Romans 15:14-21 + Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7, 2015:

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
+ Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8, 2015

1 Kings 17:10-16
+ Hebrews 9:24-28
+ Matthew 12:38-44

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. Why would the widow give her last coins away? Does the comment Jesus makes explain why? Can you do what she did? How close can you come?

2. Teaching his disciples how to give from the heart, Jesus points out the widow's poverty. In discussing a crisis of values Pope Francis repeats his call for Catholics to seek out those on the fringes of society, like the widow in the story, who need help the most. Are you called to action when you hear about starving people needing food or homeless people needing shelter? What can you do?

If we step outside of ourselves, we will find poverty, ... Today, and it breaks my heart to say it, finding a homeless person who has died of cold, is not news. Today, the news is scandals, that is news, but the many children who don't have food—that's not news. This is grave. We can't rest easy while things are this way. ... We cannot become starched Christians, too polite, who speak of theology calmly over tea. We have to become courageous Christians and seek out those (who need help most). ...

This is happening today. If investments in banks fall, it is a tragedy and people say 'what are we going to do?' but if people die of hunger, have nothing to eat or suffer from poor health, that's nothing. This is our crisis today. A Church that is poor and for the poor has to fight this mentality.



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