

*A Note From the Pastor...*

This is a series of reflections on the importance of seeing the truth that the Eucharist and Life are a unity.

**The Unity of Life**

The Eucharist is also the Sacrament of Unity. Jesus said: "I will draw all people to Myself." Jesus fulfills this promise in the Eucharist which builds up the Church. The Church is the sign and cause of the unity of the human family.

Imagine all the people in the world today who are receiving the Eucharist! Are they all receiving their own individualized, personalized, customized Christ? Are they not rather receiving the one and only Christ? Thus, we see that Christ is drawing all people to Himself. And if He is drawing all to Himself, then he is drawing everyone to one another. St. Paul comments on this, "We, though many, are one body since we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor.10:17)

The Blood of Christ makes us one family. The Blood of Christ flows within us. This fact of Faith obliges us to be as concerned for each other as we are for our own selves.

The word diabolical means "to split asunder." Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (see 1 Jn. 3:8). The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says: "Come to me, feed on MY BODY, become MY BODY."

Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says: "Go away! We have no room for you; no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way." Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

In Christ,  
Father Will



*Mass Intentions*

Sat.	12/25	9:00am OLPH Parish
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Sun.	12/26	9:00am Quinn & Smith Families r/o Estate
		10:30am Evelyn Misek r/o Carol Custer
Mon.	12/27	8:00am Theresa Horan r/o Bernice Reynen
Tues	12/28	8:00am Dolores Armstrong r/o Dan & Irene Campbell
Wed.	12/29	8:00am Leo Buser r/o Mr. & Mrs. John Simmons
Thur.	12/30	8:00am Fr. Lawrence Kunell (Special Intention) r/o Pam & Gerry Murphy
Fri.	12/31	8:00am Joseph Reynolds r/o Reynolds Family
Sat.	1/1	8:00am Joseph Smith r/o Estate
		5:00pm Dorothy Farrell r/o Alvator Family Clair Blewett r/o Mr. & Mrs. James Creighton
Sun.	1/2	9:00am OLPH Parish Deacon Ed Moresco r/o Mr. & Mrs. Robet Grella
		10:30am Dorothy Farrell r/o Mickey & Eddie Marjorie Broten r/o Family Joseph Reynolds r/o Campo Family

The Rosary and the Chaplet are recited each Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Church.  
*"Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death."*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we contemplate the hardships and fears they faced as they journeyed to Egypt. Through your generous support of our 2010 Holiday Projects, we were able to provide joy for our local families facing hardship and fear. We thank you! Through our Giving Tree, we were able to provide gifts and stockings to 80 children in our local community. If you think you may need assistance or referral to any of the many organizations and agencies that SVDP is aware of, please leave a message at 732-872-1290 Option 6 and we will return your call. Please speak clearly and spell your first and last name. Also please be sure to leave a phone number and the best time that we can reach you. Messages are picked up daily Monday through Friday.

**“No work of charity is foreign to the Society**

*St. Raphael Ministry*

*Making Your Resolutions Stick*

*Of course you don't need a new year to make healthy changes, but New Years is a chance to think about changes you would like to make and the steps to achieve them. Make your new year a healthy one by:*

- 1. Setting realistic goals...write down steps that will help you achieve them*
- 2. Plan for obstacles. Figure out how to overcome them and don't give up just because you slipped.*
- 3. Track your progress...a journal or diary will help you keep focused.*
- 4. Get help...ask family and friends for support.*
- 5. Reward yourself. Have a healthy treat when you achieve a small goal or milestone.*
- 6. Add variety...add new activities or expand your goals to make them more challenging.*

**Theme:** Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

- Sunday— The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
- Monday— John, Apostle, Evangelist*
- Tuesday— The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
- Wednesday— The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas*
- Thursday— The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas*
- Friday— The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas*
- Saturday— The Octave Day of Christmas: The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*

**Programs are available to help with heat costs:**

Several programs offer assistance to those who need help paying for winter heating costs. Among them:

**New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services, or New Jersey SHARES**, a nonprofit corporation; for more information, visit [www.njshares.org](http://www.njshares.org), or call 866-657-4273.

**The Universal Service Fund Program**, a statewide program administered by the state Department of Human Services, which provides low-income customers a payment plan to help reduce the monthly cost for electricity. For information, call 866-240-1347.

**Home Energy Assistance Program, or HEAP**, at 800-662-3115. HEAP provides customers help with paying winter heating bills and , occasionally, summer cooling bills.

**Lifeline** provides funding for utility bills-electric and natural gas-for qualifying disabled persons and senior citizens. For more information, call 800-792-9745 or 609-588-7182.

**The Comfort Partners Program**, a free energy conservation and education program for low-income customers of JCP&L. Eligibility is based on the customer's energy consumption, and there are household income requirements and other program qualifications. For information, call 800-207-9276.

## The Opportunity Scholarship Act

Catholic Schools continue to provide an important educational option in New Jersey, and they are a needed resource for the mission of the church to educate students of all economic incomes. S-1872/A-2810 (known as the Opportunity Scholarship Act) offers opportunities for parents who might be unable to send their children to a Catholic school or another non-public school in New Jersey. In a series of questions and answers, the New Jersey Catholic Conference offers a response to misinformation that has been promulgated in many public forums.

**Q. But won't this bill only help a "lucky few?"**

**A.** This bill is a pilot program that will be evaluated. An increase in the number of eligible under the current legislation could certainly be provided by the future amendments. But the argument upon which this objection is based ("If we can't help all, we can't help any") would undermine any currently existing social program, educational or otherwise. For example, in attempts to provide low-income housing and other benefits to the poor in social programs, we do not criticize developers who can only provide 500 units of low-income housing when 2,000 are needed. Using the logic of opponents, we would not provide any of these low-income units unless all 2,000 were possible. Furthermore, this same argument could be made with respect to charter schools. Even though many are successful, they can only help a limited number of students at a given time. No one would logically argue, however, that charter schools should be eliminated on this basis.



Please remember in your prayers all our beloved sick, especially Lois Cunningham, mother of Mary Palmisano, Cate Morrissey, granddaughter of John & Peggy Morrissey, Margaret (Peggy) King and Rosalie Virgilio.

## BROTHER JUNIPER



*The members of the Rosary Altar Society wish all our parishioners a Merry Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

## Saint Jude Thrift Shop

*On behalf of all the volunteers at the St. Jude Thrift Shop, and those we serve, thank you and God bless you for your continuing support.*

*We wish you all a blessed Christmas season and every happiness in the New Year.*

## Attention Counters:

### Week 1—Jan. 2, 2011

Tricia Curtin

Sheila Brown

Jane or Tommy Snow



## ADULT CONFIRMATION 7- Week Program

**DATES:** Tuesday Evening

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

April 5, 12

**TIME:** 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**PLACE:** St. Agnes Rectory Office

Adults in need of Adult Confirmation are invited to attend this 7-week program in preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Adults attending will need to provide a recent copy of their Baptismal certificate with notation of First Eucharist or a separate First Eucharist certificate and Baptismal certificate.

Please contact Deacon Don Ronning to register or if you have questions

[DeaconDonOLPH@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconDonOLPH@gmail.com) or 732-291-5060

Sessions begin promptly at 7:30 PM

## Daily Readings for the Week

### Sunday

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

### Friday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

### First Saturday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

### Flowers:

*Flowers may be requested by calling the rectory office.*

### Flag:

*This week the flag is flown in memory of Joseph Miller.*

### Sanctuary Light:

*The Sanctuary Light this week is for the Smith and Slavin Families.*

*Charismatic Healing Mass  
Monday, December 27, 2010  
8:00pm*

*Holy Cross Church  
Ward Avenue & Rumson Road  
Rumson, NJ*

*Celebrant: Fr. Pio Mandato  
F.M.H.J.*



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**Sunday, December 26, 2010**

RAS Recites Rosary 8:30am  
No CCD

**Monday, December 27, 2010**

Rectory Office Closed  
No Youth Group

**Friday, December 31, 2010**

New Year's Eve  
Masses: 8:00am-No Evening Mass  
Rectory Office Closed

**Saturday, January 1, 2011**

New Year's Day  
Masses: 8am & 5pm

**Sunday, January 2, 2011**

The Epiphany of the Lord  
NO CCD

## WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 2, 9:00am**

**Lector:** Marie Testa

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Fank Rahm,  
Patricia Black

**Altar Servers:** Emily Seidler, Corrine Creighton

**Sunday, January 2, 10:30am**

**Lector:** Cathy Guardino

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Joseph Palmisano,  
Muriel Smith

**Altar Servers:** Claire Connelly, Kevin Connelly

### *Saint Jude Thrift Shop*

*The Thrift Shop will be closed December 19th through January 5th. Please visit us when we return on January 6th!*

### Religious Education News



There are no classes on 12/25/10 and 1/2/11. Classes resume on January 9, 2011 at our **new time : 9:00am.**

**No classes on 1/16/11.**

First Penance will be Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10am in the Church. Students will assemble in the Church Hall at 9:45am.



The Seniors Club of OLPH will sponsor a bus trip to Atlantic City's Showboat on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Cost: \$25; Voucher Return \$30. The bus will leave from OLPH at 8:30am and return at 6:30pm. For further information, call Rose Penta at 732-872-1645.



*Please pray for the military and the repose of the souls of all deceased members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.*

Happy  
New Year  
2011