



From the Pastor's Desk:

A few weeks ago I told you all about our upcoming 140th Anniversary of the Parish and the planning of events and fundraisers in celebration of the successes over the year. I want to take this opportunity to invite interested parishioners to a "brainstorming" meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00pm in the Pastor's Meeting Room. I hope that those who have been involved before will be there as well as anyone else who would like to get involved in the celebration of parish life and the building of our parish family. Put your thinking caps on and come prepared with ideas for parish community building events and fundraising activities.

Over the years there has been a lot of effort put into fundraising by parishioners and I simply want us to build on what has been done before by either returning to some events that shaped the spirit of the parish and/or creating some new events that will build our community of believers on a social plane. Fundraising activities can be interspersed with these activities to rebuild the financial security of the parish while having some fun and building our community of faith.

If you think we should bring back something, come and let us know and give us some ideas to make it better. If you have a new idea or know of something that is working in another parish or community come and share the information with us and let's work to see if it's a good idea that will work at OLPH.

Let me repeat what I said in the "Pastor's Desk" in late August:

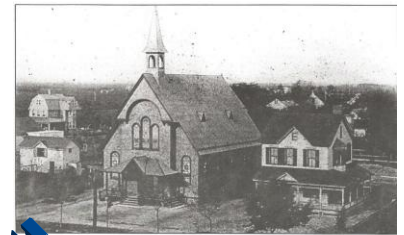
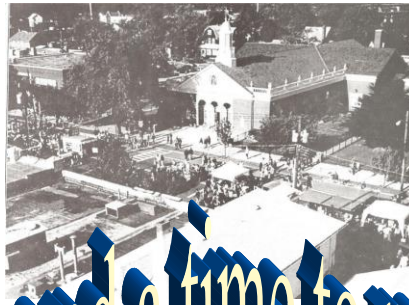
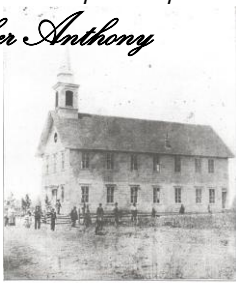
"In this upcoming year 2011 and its reminder of 140 years of faithful service to God and community, we can **enkindle the flame of enthusiasm and great love** that all of us, the parishioners and clergy of Our Lady of Perpetual Help have for this wonderful and blessed parish.

There are many events, like the International Feast, parish dances, raffles, and I'm sure others that have gone by the wayside for lack of workers or the fact that many people had done these for so long that they just "burned out". However, I believe that it is always good to celebrate, especially when you have something special to celebrate. **The 140th Anniversary of a parish is testimony to the community**, near and far, of the strength of the Catholic Faith on Long Island. We need to let each other, all of Lindenhurst and Long Island know that we are proud of who we are and where we have come from and where we are at the present time, 140 years later. We may have tough times, but like any family, we have worked hard together to keep the faith alive at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church."

I know I can count on those who have been and are faithfully involved in parish events and fundraising and I pray that we will see many new faces at the meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 just as I did when we asked for volunteers for our Capital Campaign. Please call the rectory office at his number - 226-7859 and tell the receptionist that you would like to leave your name as a volunteer for the "140th Anniversary Committee". Leave your Name and Telephone Number and (if you have one) your E-mail Address.

May God +bless you and yours now and forever,

Father Anthony



**A time to celebrate and a time to renew the good times
of 140 Years of Catholicism in Lindenhurst**