

February 14, 2010

Church of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Confessions

Saturday . 4:00 - 4:45pm & by appointment

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:30pm. *Please call Parish Office to make arrangements.*

Marriages

There is a six month planning period required.

Please make an appointment with one of the priests for further information.

Devotions to Our Lady

Rosary . Monday - Saturday . 8:40am

Miraculous Medal Novena - Monday . 9:30am

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday evening 5:00pm ▪ *Sunday* 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Weekdays (Mon-Sat) 8:00 & 9:00am ▪ *Holydays as announced.*





Dear Parishioners:

People who have a high profile in the public often go to great lengths to have control over their 'image'. They hire image consultants and public relations firms to help craft a public persona that shows them in the most favorable light. They want to be seen by others as approaching perfection and so they employ the necessary tools to airbrush their public images and remove any and all imperfections. Few if any want to be seen as having faults. The end result of the process of course is that we don't get to know who they really are, but rather some image maker's idea of whom they think we should see.

This coming Wednesday, Christians throughout the world will take on a new image for a day. Through the voluntary reception of ashes they will, in a nonverbal way, announce to they world that they are sinners in need of forgiveness and penance. It is a powerful image if you stop to think about it. This is a public display of faith that says even though I am imperfect I believe I can overcome my imperfections, but the first step is to acknowledge them. This first step that begins that recovery process we call Lent, a forty-day opportunity to become a new person.

It is important for us to understand that this is not about remaking our public image; it is much deeper and more profound, involving a total transformation. It cannot be accomplished by others, but only by ourselves. To achieve our goal will take dedication, perseverance and tenacity as we unlearn old habits and take on new ones. It is not a task to be taken on without great resolve and commitment.

Lent is to be seen as an opportunity and not a burden, a period of time that helps us to improve ourselves and grow more to become the person God wants us to be. The forty days can seem to be never ending; but the end product, a sense of renewal that comes at Easter, helps to make it worthwhile.

During the season of Lent there are opportunities to do a little extra along the way. The Parish Mission, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation all help to encourage and support us and should be part of our overall plan.

Available on Ash Wednesday will be a symbolic nail and holy card for us to keep as a reminder of our Lenten journey. When things get difficult and our resolve is challenged, we need only look at that nail to remind ourselves of the human difficulty Jesus experienced for us on the way to the Cross.

May this Lent offer us a sense of renewal that transforms us in spirit and helps to bring to perfection the good that God has begun in us.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 please let us know. The 50th anniversary couples will be invited to the Cathedral and both the 25th and 50th couples will be honored in the Parish in June. Please call the church office to register @738-1449.



SECOND TIME

Jared Otero & Stephanie Gallichio

Michael Vincenzi & Kristin Love

Julio Pacheco & Jinah Choi

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.

ALTAR SERVER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Boys and girls 5th grade and older who are interested in becoming an altar server are invited to join us for an Ice Cream Social to learn more about the program. March 6, 2010, OLPH cafeteria at 4:00 PM. Please R.S.V.P. 738-1449.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, February 26th. The menu consists of Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, and bag of frozen broccoli. Food should be brought to the Church office where it will be picked up and delivered to St. Gabriel's Church. Please remember that all meals are

for a minimum of 20 people. For information, call Geri Engstrom @ 738-1141.

FIRST CONFESSION

The students in the second grade and others who are preparing for First Communion in the spring recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our congratulations to them, their parents and teachers for a job well done.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15

8:00 AM - Margarita Quiñones

9:00 AM - Flora Capone

Tuesday, February 16

8:00 AM - Durning & McGovern families

9:00 AM - Doris Flood & Jack Quigley

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 AM - Anastasia Cassidy

9:00 AM - Thomas Courtien, SR

Thursday, February 18

8:00 AM - Michael Miele

9:00 AM - Margaret Cray Meade & family

Friday, February 19

8:00 AM - Joan Henry

9:00 AM - Antonietta Bastone & Ettore Bastone

Saturday, February 20

8:00 AM - James O'Brien

9:00 AM - Audra Spinella

Weekly Collection

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Last week's collection	\$7,529	\$8,750
Winter Fuel	\$4,327	\$4,572

"Thank you for your generous support"

KNIT OR CROCHET?

Volunteers are needed to make baby blankets for needy, young mothers in NYC. Yarn supplied. 500 donated in 2009. For more information please call Barbara News @ 738-0951.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17th

Ashes will be distributed after the homily during Mass at 8:00AM, 9:00AM and 7:30PM and during a Prayer Service at 5:00PM. Ashes may not be distributed outside of a liturgical setting.

Baptized persons who have made their First Penance are candidates to receive ashes. Infants and young children are not candidates because they are incapable of personal sin. Ashes are a symbol of our effort to change our life through prayer and fasting and avoid sin in the future.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. This obliges everyone who is 14 years old and beyond. Fasting permits only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals may be taken but should not equal one full meal. Fasting obliges those who are 18-59 years old and in good health.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

ST. FRANCIS - MODEL OF JOYFUL FREEDOM

Fr. Michael Greco will present a reflection For Lent on the life of St. Francis on Thurs., March 11th at 7:30 PM in the lower church Meeting Room and on Sat, March 13th at 9:30AM. Please use entrance from the upper parking lot to the Meeting Room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional Lenten devotion of the Way of the Cross will be prayed every Friday in Lent at 3:30PM

LENTEN OFFERING: March 7th

Second Collection for Maryknoll Sister Marion Hughes and her work with AIDS orphans in Tanzania

LENTEN PROGRAMS 2010

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

February 28th - March 3rd

Father Michael Marigliano, OFM, Cap will conduct the Mission at each of

the weekend Masses and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 9:00AM Mass and at 7:30PM.

"IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE"

The challenge of living the Gospel of Jesus in turbulent times filled with anxiety, anger, and violence; doubts about the legitimacy of religious leadership, as well as reigning secular powers. Grave economic uncertainty, strained debates over taxes and fear of catastrophic debt.

Does this sound like an accurate description of the world we currently know? This also describes the world in which Jesus lived. During the Mission we will turn to Scripture and the witness it bears to the life and message of Jesus in turbulent times. During an age such as our own, Jesus' Gospel challenge to welcome the reign of God remains crucially relevant for our healing and well being in the 21st century

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, March 31st at 9:30AM

Presented by the students of OLPH School.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SONG

Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:30PM

Presented by singer/harpist

Katy Feeney

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:00-4:45PM

and

Wednesday March 24th

9:30AM

No confessions on Holy Saturday.