

February 28, 2010

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Parish School

Pre-K – 8th grade

www.olphpelham.com ▪ (914) 738-5158

Mrs. Susan Cotronei, *Principal*

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(914) 738-0670

Mr. Michael Hall, *Director*

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

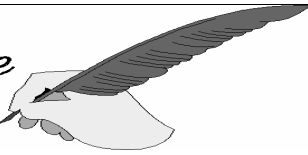
MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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



*From the
Pastor*



Dear Parishioners:

Greetings from Tanzania. Last night I was with a group of friends and we were reflecting on the new year and how the days are passing – then someone said, “where has the past decade gone?”. In the past ten years you have been a major part of my mission – enabling so much to happen here and so many children to have a better life because you cared. This past year alone 48 of our children graduated from seventh grade and about half have been chosen to go on to high school. We are really proud of these children – and you should be also because without your support they would not have had the supplies, uniforms, food, medical care etc that your donation helped facilitate.

This year we are having an intense program to instill self-awareness and self-confidence in the children. Peers and especially adults inhibit so many – especially those living in remote villages. Our aim is to help them realize that they have the ability to make their thoughts and feelings heard and at the same time can assist and support others who are experiencing similar problems. This is something that is really new for youngsters – the basic attitude is they are to be seen and not heard. Once we had grade school children talking about AIDS after Mass and the priest asked, “don’t you have anyone older who could talk about this?” When it was over he expressed his amazement at their knowledge and presence.

There is another phenomenon that has been brought to my attention and that is the horrors faced by albinos. In the past year the

newspapers have been reporting their kidnapping and murder by witch doctors in order to use their body parts for medicine.

This is mainly taking place in two regions south of us, but recently I talked with one boy who is in the seventh grade. About a year ago a group of men captured his sister and while the boy watched from a hiding place, slaughtered her. He managed to escape and now is living up the street from me. The justice system is doing its best to hurry cases through the court so that examples can be made of the severe sentences that are mandated for such an offense and thus deter others from killing. Please keep this in your prayers.

Not all is this sad – we still have the wonderful children who are ready to entertain and make one smile at the drop of a hat. There are those who succeed and reach out to help others who are having trouble learning. Still others drop by the house and give a big hug. It is at times like these I feel we are going in the right direction.

Thank you for your continued support – my prayers are with you and my spirit will be with you on March 7 when you take up the Lenten Offering collection to help us.

Sincerely,

Sr. Marion Hughes, M.M.

ST. FRANCIS – MODEL OF JOYFUL FREEDOM

Father Michael Greco will present some insights into the life and ministry of St. Francis that can be applied to our life today. Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, March 13th at 9:30 AM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. Please use the entrance from the upper parking lot.



	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Last week's collection	\$7,837	\$8,870

"Thank you for your generous support"

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.

ALTAR SERVER SPRING TRAINING

Boys and girls in the 5th grade and older are invited to be trained to be Altar Servers for the parish. The training will be on Wednesdays beginning March 3rd from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in the Church. Please consider participating in parish life by serving at the Lord's Altar.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 3:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 1

8:00 AM - Jessie Adinolfi and deceased members of the Adinolfi family
 9:00 AM - Salvatore Guzzi

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 AM - Giuseppe Mitrione
 9:00 AM - Emidio & Anduneto Cirino

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 AM - Giuseppe Maucieri
 9:00 AM - Joseph Ciraldo

Thursday, March 4

8:00 AM - Mary Barnett
 9:00 AM - Thomas Heverin

Friday, March 5

8:00 AM - Marie Serena
 9:00 AM - Francine Christopher

Saturday, March 6

8:00 AM - Helen DeMicco
 9:00 AM - Audra Spinella

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.

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 27, 2010 - 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. St. Joseph Seminary. Honoring the Legacy of Cardinal O'Connor on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his death. Admission fee is \$25.00. To register go to ww.flrl.org or call 212-371-1011 ext. 3195.

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

"It is Good for us to be Here"

The Challenge of living the Gospel of Jesus in Turbulent Times

MARCH 1, 2, 3

9:00AM AND 7:30PM

Rev. Michael Marigliano, OFM, Cap – Preacher

Monday: "The measure with which you measure shall be measured out to you:"
Taking the measure of one another and our world. Daniel 9: 4-10, Luke 6: 36-38

Jesus responded by challenging the narrow boundaries of his day. How might the Gospel help us to develop both the will and capacity to be forces of generosity and reconciliation amid the very real tensions of our day?

Tuesday: "They preach but they do not practice:" Religion: promise or peril? Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus forcefully called the expectations and practices of his day into question and challenged his hearers to discover a radical new vision of God's presence in their midst. How might Jesus' challenge help us to re-examine our own expectations and commitments amid the challenges of our day?

Wednesday: "Do you know what you are asking?" The surprising challenge of Jesus' call to welcome the reign of God. Jeremiah 18: 18-20, Matthew 20: 17-28

Jesus' vision of healed humanity found expression in his parables that stunned his people into a new vision and a renewed community. How might these parables help us to re-examine the loyalties and assumptions that shape our way of life today?

Please plan to attend