

December 13, 2009

Church of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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(914) 738-0670

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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*





From the astor

Dear Parishioners:

In our world today when we send someone on ahead to announce an upcoming event or prepare for the arrival of a dignitary, we send someone who is reflective of the person who is to follow and represents him or her in a positive way. Wanting to make a positive first impression is often very important to the success of the project. If the President or the Pope is traveling somewhere, the advance team goes on ahead to prepare every detail so that nothing is left to chance.

The advance 'team' for Jesus consisted of one person, John the Baptist. John's role was to announce to the people of Israel that the long awaited Messiah had indeed arrived in the person of Jesus. It was Jesus who would save the people from their sins and reunite them to a positive relationship with God. John knew what he had to do and he did it with total commitment. The only problem was that instead of being an effective advance person, he became the center of attention.

John was, to say the least, out of the mainstream of everyday society. He looked different in a way that made people uncomfortable in his presence. He lived a nomadic lifestyle in the desert and was nourished by wild berries. His oddities were well documented and this caused the people to make him the focus and not his message.

Because John was a prophetic voice, he attracted his own band of followers. Some of these followers were unsure if John was actually the Messiah in disguise, and so there was a great deal of misunderstanding. People eventually would compare the followers of John to the followers of Jesus and note the discrepancies.

John's message was a call to repentance so that people would purify themselves for Jesus. He wanted them to have humble hearts that would be open to this new message because it would mean a radical change of life for them. John so believed in what he was doing that he eventually would give his life as a martyr for the cause.

As we enter these final weeks of Advent let us heed his message and follow his example of conversion and courage.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are available for any of the Christmas Masses, please call the office @ 738-1449 and let us know so we can put you on the schedule.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Our Parish Family Christmas Tree is on the right hand side of the sanctuary. Please bring your family ornament and place it on the tree at any time. The tree will be in place until the Feast of the Epiphany in January.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 14

8:00 AM - Jake Cappelli

9:00 AM - Living and deceased members of
Lantelme & Yutec families**Tuesday, December 15**

8:00 AM - Harold Tuttle

9:00 AM - Andrew Provino

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 AM - James Downey

9:00 AM - Gregory Scully & Terri Harrys

Thursday, December 17

8:00 AM - Mary O'Prey

9:00 AM - Dr. Edward Risher

Friday, December 18

8:00 AM - Frank Nesi

9:00 AM - All Souls

Saturday, December 19

8:00 AM - Rose Auletta

9:00 AM - Thomas Hynes

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED SISTERS
AND BROTHERS**

The Annual Collection for the retired Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese will be taken up in every parish this weekend. The proceeds will help defray the cost of providing good care for the Sisters and Brothers who have devoted their lives to the care of others.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm and Tuesday,
December 22nd at 9:30 am.

OLPH YOUTH CHOIR

Come sing with the Youth Choir at our monthly Family Mass from October to March. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. in Church, beginning September 22nd. Those in third grade and above may join. Tuesdays Religious Ed students are also eligible.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULEDec. 24th 5:00PM - Family Mass

10:00PM - Choir & Brass Ensemble

Dec. 25th 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00 & 12:30PM**FOOD PANTRY**

This time of year there is a greater demand for assistance from those in need. Your donations of non perishable food items help HOPE Food Pantry to respond in a positive way. Please leave your donations in the rear of the Church by the food pantry collection box.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's event such a success; donors, members of the committee and all who attended. It is a huge undertaking but it certainly does set the mood for the Christmas season.

Weekly Collection

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Last week collection</i>	\$9,582	\$10,321

"Thank you for your generous support"



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT OLPH

Thank you to all who have worked
to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.

The angel filled
tree stands as a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas.

The gifts you have so generously donated will be distributed to the following:

1. **Hope Community Services**, a Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle.
2. The **Vicariate of South Shore of Westchester**, representing needy families from parishes across southern Westchester.
3. Wounded veterans recovering at **Walter Reed Medical Center**.

Please note that any gifts received after today will be distributed after Christmas (or stored for next year,

depending on instructions from the organizations)

For further information, contact Lorri Gorman at 738-6470.