

December 6, 2009

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:

This weekend finds us in the midst of our Advent preparation. The Parish Christmas Boutique adds to the sense of festive expectation as we move towards the Christmas event. Our Christmas Giving Tree is beginning to take shape and newly crafted ornaments have been added to our Parish Family Christmas tree.

At this point in Advent we will focus on the sense of expectation that Mary experienced just prior to the birth of Jesus. This coming Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the United States. I would encourage you if at all possible to attend the 7:30PM Mass on Tuesday and experience the beautiful music and singing of harpist Katy Feeney. She will begin playing at 7:15 PM for those who are able to come early and she will be playing during Mass.

As Mary moved towards the birth of her child, certainly she had a sense of expectation. She was confident that she was doing God's will, but also aware that the mission which she had accepted would have many challenging moments. She did not know the details, but nonetheless it did not deter her from saying 'Yes' to the invitation she received. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception reminds us that Mary was selected by God to assume this role from the first moment her conception; that is why she alone was born free from original sin.

Our Advent journey parallels the journey of Mary in that God invites us to participate in His mission over and over again. We have the opportunity to

accept or decline. Sometimes other things may impede us from making a positive response and in doing so we fail to cooperate with God's plan for us.

May our experience this Advent be one of renewed anticipation and expectation for the miracle of Jesus in our life. May these days of prayer and reflection bring us to a renewed sense of unity with Jesus, the Son of Mary.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

December 5th and 6th

The Annual Christmas Boutique and Wreath Sale is today! Saturday from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. and Sunday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Photos with Santa will be on Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

New Items, Christmas Decorations, Wreaths, Silent Auction, Religious Articles and Sacred Music CD's, Gourmet Food and Raffles are available. COME SUPPORT YOUR PARISH.

VOCATION TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

Are you feeling an invitation by God to explore the possibility of Religious Life? Come and join us for simple prayer and conversation with Sisters of various communities and other women on the same journey on December 13, at 2PM to 4:30PM. Call or e-mail for information and registration: 212-371-1011 ex 2803, sr.deanna.sabetta@archny.org



Picture with Santa
Dec. 6th 10am to
1pm in the gym

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 7

8:00 AM - Chuck McCartney
9:00 AM - Anthony Sposato
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 AM - Jessie Adinolfi and deceased members
of the Adinolfi families
9:00 AM - Rose & Neal Duffy

Thursday, December 10

8:00 AM - Anthony & Michael Raffio
9:00 AM - Roger Rae

Friday, December 11

8:00 AM - Antonio Fragoso
9:00 AM - All Souls

Saturday, December 12

8:00 AM - Mark Brown
9:00 AM - Lucy Cascarano

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.

THANKSGIVING

In addition to the food that was collected for the Holiday \$700.00 was sent to Hope Community Service Food Pantry as a result of the collections taken on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to all who participated.

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.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Patron of the United States. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday at 5:00 PM. Mass on Tuesday will be at 8 AM, 9:00AM and 7:30PM. At the Tuesday evening Mass harpist Katy Feeny will give a short concert beginning at 7:15PM and she will also play during the Mass.

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 on the weekend of December 12-13. 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.

Weekly Collection

	2008	2009
Collection for Nov. 22 nd	\$9,872	\$9,781
Thanksgiving		
Human Dev.	\$3,163	\$3,184
Last week	\$9,229	\$9,739

"Thank you for your generous support"



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT OLPH

It's that time of year again, time for us to work together
to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.

This second Sunday of Advent, gift tags are available in one of four baskets in the entry vestibule of the church before or after Mass. **The tags will not be on the tree as they have been in the past.**

Each parish family, or family member, is invited to take a gift wish card and purchase the item indicated.

By next Sunday (**December 13**) all gifts should be wrapped, labeled (using the adhesive backed tag provided) and returned to the church. When you place the gift under the tree, **pick up an angel ornament from the basket located nearby and hang it on a branch.**

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

Each gift tag describes a wish of a needy person. The wishes were gathered from:

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**. They are in need of gift cards to TARGET, BORDERS, BARNES AND NOBLE OR AMAZON. Approximate value \$20- \$25. Place in collection box next to the tree.

Gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas. Please note that any gifts received after the 13th 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.