

November 29, 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*





From the astor

Dear Parishioners:

The church takes on a new look today. Gone are the green vestments and altar hangings. They have been replaced with purple. Why the change?

There is a cycle to the church calendar that rotates throughout the year. Last Sunday the Feast of Christ the King brought that cycle to completion when it forecast the time to come when Christ will come again in glory. This week we begin the cycle anew with First Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a short four-week period in the church year during which we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. The first readings at Mass come from one of the Old Testament prophets foretelling of the Messiah who is to be the fulfillment of the promise that God made to His people long ago. Each of the prophets spoke at different times and to a different group of people, but their message was always consistent; we have not been abandoned.

Like so many things in life, we often don't take time to appreciate this preparatory period because we are so focused on the Christmas 'event' that is to come. While this is understandable, it can also deny us the full impact of salvation history during which for many, many years people longed for the Messiah as a message of reassurance from God. In many instances the whole point of their life was to live in expectation of the Messiah.

We have the benefit not only of learning from their example, but also of experiencing the Messiah in the presence of Jesus. He is the fulfillment of all

the prophets; he is the one who re-connects God with his people. We know of his teaching and preaching, we know of his life and death, we know of his commitment to each one of us because we live at this period of time.

As we move through the Advent cycle let us try to imagine what it must have been like to live each day without the presence of Jesus in our life. What must it have been like to not really know that God would intervene in human history and restore his bond with us. If we can do that, then we can better appreciate what the Christmas event is all about and how it impacts our life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 30

8:00 AM - Donald Paul Hertzog

9:00 AM - Timothy Geraghty

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 AM - Aileen Ostazeski

9:00 AM - Melba Brodie

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 AM - Nolan Cunningham

9:00 AM - Sandra Parascandola

Thursday, December 3

8:00 AM - Robert Smith

9:00 AM - O'Malley Family

Friday, December 4

8:00 AM - Castellano & Mazzariello families

9:00 AM - Stephen J. Wodraska

Saturday, December 5

8:00 AM - Carmela & Francis Schiavetti

9:00 AM - Mary Creitoss

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour Friday, Dec. 4th at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. All are welcome.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another..." Worldwide Marriage Encounter can reenergize your sacrament. The next Weekend is February 12-14. For more information please call 877-697-9963.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

December 5th and 6th

The Annual Christmas Boutique and Wreath Sale is almost here! It will be held next weekend on Saturday, December 5th from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Photos with Santa will be on Sunday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

New Items, Christmas Decorations, Wreaths, Silent Auction, Religious Articles and Sacred Music CD's, Gourmet Food and Raffles will be available.

Weekly Collection

Because of the early printing deadline for the bulletin this week, the collection figures will be in the bulletin next week.

Thank you for your support!!



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

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION



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 first 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.

Within two weeks (by **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.