

November 8, 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
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Dear Parishioners:

Periodically in the bulletin there is a section that says, BANNES OF MARRIAGE. Under the heading there are the names of couples that are planning to be married. Why is the notice published in this way and what is the purpose of such a notification?

In the early Church people usually married others from within the local geographic area. Very often the families were friends and when the marriage took place, it involved the entire local community. This communal nature of marriage is important to understand the Church's theology of this sacrament. It is for this reason that the ordinary location of the wedding to take place is usually the parish of the bride and in some instances, the parish of the groom. The idea is that at least one of the parties has ties and is known to the local community. Sacraments are a community expression of faith.

As people's horizons expanded and they began to marry people from other communities, it was important to determine that both of the parties were free to marry and that there were no impediments that would invalidate the marriage. Because one of the parties (usually the groom) was not known in the community of the bride, the priest from both parishes made a public announcement of the impending wedding with the admonition to the congregation that "if anyone knows a reason why these two should not be joined in marriage they are bound in conscience to make this known to the priest". In doing this they would at times be made aware of a prior marriage of one of the parties that may not have been previously revealed. This meant that the announced marriage could not take place until the issue had been resolved.

Today the Banns of Marriage are used in the same way; however, since there is better record keeping and premarital paperwork, the possibility of unresolved prior unions is very rare. The Banns today serve more as a social announcement that a marriage is to take place, but the responsibility to make any irregularities known still exists. In this way the community is still linked to the sacramental action that is going to take place. This is increasingly more difficult to do with the high rates of mobility and re-location that happen.

The purpose of the announcement is to insure that couples entering marriage do so without any unforeseen complications so that they may begin their life together in the best possible way.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

A group of three adults have begun preparation to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. They are participating in the program called the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults. This Wednesday 100 candidates for Confirmation will attend a day long retreat program at the Cardinal Spellman Retreat Center in Riverdale.

HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our local Food Pantry has seen a 44% increase in request for food and they expect that Thanksgiving will see the need for 800 meals. To help them provide the meals we are being asked to donate stuffing, sweet potatoes and vegetables. Please leave these items by the Food Pantry box in the rear of the church as soon as possible.

Thirty-second Sunday

November 8, 2009

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 9

8:00 AM - Mark Brown

9:00 AM - Isabel Torres

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 AM - O'Malley Family

9:00 AM - Caterina & Santo Rondinelli

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 AM - Beth Cassidy

9:00 AM - Helen Cacace

Thursday, November 12

8:00 AM - Aileen Ostazeski

9:00 AM - James O'Brien

Friday, November 13

8:00 AM - Edward Grant

9:00 AM - Carolyn Donahoe

Saturday, November 14

8:00 AM - Miriam Sweeney

9:00 AM - Rosalie Motta

Religious Education Program

We need a volunteer teacher for the following day and grade:

Monday: Grade 2nd.

If you are interested please call Michael Hall @738-1449

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE MEETING

Monday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. It is still not too late to Volunteer.

People are needed to help with the Wreaths.

Contact Cindy Courtien at cbplumbing1@optonline.net

NEW ITEMS

New items are still being accepted. Do you have something stashed away in your closet or basement that has never been opened? Did you receive a gift that just wasn't right for you? Now is the time to donate it. Are you one of those extraordinary people who can create a handmade item that we can sell? We'll happily accept it. You can also make a monetary donation so we can purchase items for this table. Please bring all donations to the parish office and mark them "New Item."

PARISH EVALUATION

This year Fr. DeJulio will be completing his first six-year term as Pastor of OLPH. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an evaluation of the parish has begun. Members of the parish staff and parishioners who exercise leadership roles have received an evaluation form from the Priest Personnel Board. They will return the forms directly to the Office of Priest Personnel. In addition, parishioners who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letter to: Reverend Thomas P. Devery, the Office of Priest Personnel, Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Ave., Room 2004, New York, NY 10022. Letters should be received no later than November 16th, 2009.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, November 27th. The menu consists of Spaghetti and meatballs and bag of salad greens. Food should be cooked and brought to the Church office before 2:00 pm. Please remember that all meals are for a minimum of 20 people. For information, call Geri Engstrom @ 738-1141

PELHAM INTER FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

OLPH will host the service on Sunday, November 22nd at 2 PM. All of the congregations from Pelham have been invited to attend. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. If you are able to help that day please call the parish office @ 738-1449.

Weekly Collection

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Weekly Collection</i>	\$10,980	\$11,854

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Bereavement

Support Group

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one who died recently or years ago this is an invitation for YOU to join others to share common expressions of grief, to learn about the grieving process and to receive comfort and support

The program will run for 3 Saturdays
November 14th, 21st and 28th
at 9:30AM in the Lower Church
Office area

The Bereavement Counselor will be

Maria Argentina, CSW

There is no fee but you are asked to REGISTER
by calling the Church Office 738-1449.