

October 4, 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:

In mid July an incident that took place between a Harvard professor and a Cambridge police officer drew national attention for weeks. Some of that attention was because of the situation itself, and some of it was engendered by comments made by President Obama. Day after day we heard and saw what took place and both men involved claimed to be in the right. Finally after the incident just would not go away, the President invited both men and their families to come to the White House as his guests to try and resolve the animosity. He was willing to take the risk that one or both might refuse and he would be embarrassed by their rejection.

To many, there are political motivations involved; and that may well be true, but I would like you to look at it from another perspective today for just a minute. This Sunday is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, but because it falls on a Sunday, the Sunday liturgy is celebrated. However, mindful of the fact that we have a wonderful example of Franciscan spirituality in the person of Father Greco, I did not want to let the occasion pass unnoticed.

One of the most beautiful prayers that we have, both in verse and in song, is the Prayer of St. Francis. It begins with the words 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace' and then goes on to list how Francis longed to be that catalyst that brought people together. He did not have the power to make all things 'right', but he believed that if he could bring them together there could be understanding; and with understanding, there could be forgiveness; and with forgiveness, there would be peace. Francis was willing to take that risk of trying to bring different people together.

He knew he would not always be successful, but the possibility of succeeding made the risk more than worthwhile.

I want to be very clear that I am not stating that President Obama is a saint. That is above my pay grade to determine. What I am saying is that his gesture of inviting these men to neutral ground to meet and discuss their different views has opened up for them new possibilities, and they have made plans to take their new relationship even further by meeting and socializing on their own. That is the power that Francis talked about; the power to transform hatred into love through understanding.

We all have the potential to be instruments of God's peace. We may not have to look very hard to find the situation; it might be in our own family or neighborhood. Francis believed it was worth the risk of rejection to invite people to discuss differences. He longed to be that instrument of the Lord's peace. Should we not want to do the same?

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE MEETING

Monday, October 5th at 7:30PM in the School Cafeteria. We need helpers for the Wreaths and Publicity, please come!

NEW ITEMS

It is not too early to start thinking about what item(s) you can donate for the New Items Table at the OLPH Annual Christmas Boutique & Wreath Sale. Is there something in your attic/basement that you purchased but never opened? Did you receive a gift that you'd like to "re-gift"? If you are crafty, is there a hand-made item we can sell? Or can you contribute a few dollars with which we can purchase items? Please bring all donations to the parish office and mark them "New Item".

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5

8:00 AM - Jessie Adinolfi and the deceased members of the Adinolfi family
 9:00 AM - Angel Monaco

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM - Castellano & Mazzariello families
 9:00 AM - Rachel Rizzo

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM - Pat Scarit
 9:00 AM - Mary Barnett

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM - Lorraine Emmerson
 9:00 AM - Rose Sambrato

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM - Maria Serena
 9:00 AM - Ed Grant

Saturday, October 10

8:00 AM - Mary Barnett
 O'Malley family

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Our Fall adult education program will offer a three week series on the Gospel of St. Luke. The dates are October 22nd, 29th, and Nov. 5th at 7:30PM in the Lower Church Meeting Room. The presentations will be given by Father Thomas Collins of Stepinac High School. Please use the entrance from the upper parking lot.

EXPECTANT FAMILY MASS

In observance of Respect Life Month there will be a Mass for Expectant Families on Sunday, October 18th at 9:30 AM. At this Mass a prayer book and medal will be presented to these families. Please call the Church office @738-1449 to register.

GOLF OUTING SUCCESSFUL

The 5th Annual OLPH Golf Outing was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated prizes and Sponsored tees. The committee led by Tom Ralph did a wonderful job in organizing the event and we are grateful.

SPECIAL EVENT

9:00 AM - Deceased members of the

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. Those in third grade and above may join. Tuesdays Religious Ed students are also eligible.

CHOIR NEWS!

The OLPH Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday, 10:15 AM downstairs in the Choir Room. The Choir sings at the 11 AM Mass on Sundays. New and returning members are welcome at this time. No previous experience is necessary. All voice types are needed. Please consider joining this special ministry. If you have questions, please see Dr. Joe Schippa after the 9:30 Mass on Sundays or contact him at 914-907-4997.

The foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan, will be canonized on Sunday, Oct. 11th. In honor of this event the Sisters will hold a celebration at Marina Del Rey, on Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Please call Sr. Mary John or Joanie at 347-329-1800 for more information.

Weekly Collection

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Weekly Collection</i>	\$9,246	\$8,834
<i>St. Joseph Seminary</i>	\$2,805	\$2,976
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ANNUAL RED MASS FOR THE JUDICIARY AND LEGAL PROFESSION

Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 6:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church located at 148 Hamilton Ave., White Plains.

LECTORS

Please pick up your workbook in the Sacristy.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Amen