

September 27, 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.*





Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

One night last summer, a group of teenagers were caught on the church property with alcohol. Four were taken by the police and charged with an alcohol related violation and four others managed to run away. I wish that I could tell you that this was a unique and isolated incident here, but that would not be true. It happens repeatedly and the following day we are left with empty cans and bottles strewn over the property. Even sadder; those involved were fourteen years old.

Last spring I attended a meeting of a local group called PACT (Parents and Community Together). At the meeting there was a presentation giving the statistics of alcohol and drug use among young people of our community. The statistics are startling and disturbing because each of those statistics represents a child possibly in need of some type of early intervention.

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University consistently finds that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs. In 2001 they created Family Day, A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children, as an effort to promote family dinners that promote family communication and activities. Parental engagement is the single most potent weapon in preventing substance abuse among youth.

The week of October 5th is being observed in Pelham as a time to promote families having dinner together. Realizing the difficulty in focusing on only

one night, the week long observance enables families to plan around a certain night that works for them. Our parish is cooperating in this effort by offering families an opportunity to come together for dinner on Wednesday October 7th and details are in the bulletin.

Our own Archbishop has said that one of his most important ideas is to promote Sunday Mass and Sunday dinner and this runs along the same idea.

I want to acknowledge the work that PACT is doing in the community for our children by bringing us not only the reality of the situation, but by suggesting a remedy as well.

Please take time to plan to have family dinner at least one night during the week of October 5th. Who knows, you may find it such a good experience that hopefully it becomes a regular part of your family calendar.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

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.

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour Friday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 28

8:00 AM - James O'Brien
 9:00 AM - Jacinta O'Connell

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 AM - O'Malley family
 9:00 AM - Anna Derrico

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 AM - Patricia Ausserlechner
 9:00 AM - Jacinta O'Connell

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM - Lucille Capalbo
 9:00 AM - Edward Grant

Friday, October 2

8:00 AM - Domenic DiLullo
 9:00 AM - Stephen J. Wodraska

Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM - James & Gretta Harkin
 9:00 AM - Thomas Dixon



	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<i>Weekly Collection</i>	\$9,228	\$9,198

"Thank you for your generous support"

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE:
 WANTED 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". **The Christmas Boutique Committee is always looking for volunteers. If you want more information and wish to be included on our**

email distribution please email Cindy Courtien at cbplumbing1@verizon.net

FAMILY MASS

The first Family Mass for the new school year will take place in October 4th at 9:30 AM. Refreshments will follow in the cafeteria. 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.

OCTOBER 4TH IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Westchester and Putnam residents will again be participating in the National Life chain for an end to abortion. Life Chains will be held at Scarsdale in front of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, White Plains Rd (RT.22) 1-2PM and in Tuckahoe in front of Immaculate Conception Church, 53 Winterhill Rd., 2-3:30PM.

WESTCHESTER AND PUTNAM RIGHT TO LIFE

Pro-life Dinner Gala, Friday Evening, October 16th, 2009 at Antun's of Westchester, 35 Valley Ave., Elmsford, NY. \$125.00/person. Call Joy Dechiario @803-0057 for more information.



CHOIR NEWS!

The OLPH Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 27th at 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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help supports Family Time-Connections Count!

Sponsored by PACT Coalition & the Pelham Council of the PTAs

What is it?

**A Pelham-Wide Initiative to
Encourage Families to Make Time for Family Meals.**

Why?

**Research has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner
with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use
drugs.**

The National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA)

What Can We Do?

**Bring our families to a pasta supper with our
parish family to support this initiative.**

When?

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

How do we sign up?

**Send your check payable to OLPH in the amount of
\$10 per person (5 and under free) to Michael Hall at OLPH CCD
office.**

Please call Marie Tracy 738-7262 with questions.

RSVP October 1, 2009