

January 10, 2010

Church of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Pre-K – 8th grade

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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.*





Dear Parishioners:

One of the characteristics of today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the fact that Jesus was baptized as an adult not as an infant. In the early church, and for a long time following, adult baptism was the norm for an interesting reason. People understood that Baptism is a powerful sacrament that radically changes our life and they believed and took seriously the responsibility to live in a way that modeled themselves on Jesus. For most of them, that change of life pattern was something that they may have wanted to do but they knew it would be very difficult. So, in order not to have to change so much in their life they would often put off baptism until later in life, sometimes even until right before death so that they would not have a long opportunity to fall back into 'sinful' ways. Some Christian denominations continue to use adult Baptism as the norm.

The Roman Catholic Church has over a period of time moved from adult Baptism to infant Baptism. This is based on several things: First, the understanding that the sacrament frees us from original sin and bestows upon us sacramental grace. Second, we must be baptized in order to receive the other sacraments of the church which are valuable spiritual supports during our life. Third, the desire for us to be incorporated into the life of the Church, so that our lives may be used to exemplify Christian life by using our ability to model them in light of the Gospel.

As the tradition for infant Baptism began to grow, the Church instructed that it should be done as soon as possible after birth. In this way, children would be incorporated into the life of the Church early on and would develop their identity as Catholic Christians acknowledging the benefits and

responsibilities that were involved. In many areas it became a custom that the child was not really taken out of the house until the day of Baptism; and because it was done so soon after birth, mothers were not usually able or expected to attend.

Vatican II helped to reshape our understanding of Baptism and the importance of both parents being present to present their child. There is an acknowledgement during the ceremony of the importance of the role of the parents as the primary teachers in the ways of faith. This role carries with it a great responsibility to provide for the religious education and faith development by the parents as an ongoing part of life. The way the parents live their faith becomes for the child a living example of how they should seek to live. Religious education programs and Catholic schools build upon this foundation, but they do not take its place.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a joyous occasion, not only for the immediate family, but for the local parish community. That is why it is most fully symbolic when it is done in conjunction with other families as a sign of the child's incorporation into the parish faith community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

RESPECT LIFE EVENT

In January 17th we will be distributing baby bottles to be filled with coins and donated to Expectant Mothers Care. In order to make this pro life effort successful help is need. If you can participate please Joy DeChario at 803-0057 for information.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11

8:00 AM - Jessie Adinolfi and the deceased members of the Adinolfi family
 9:00 AM - Salvatore Guzzi

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 AM - Adolph Mondrone
 9:00 AM - Deceased members of the O'Malley family

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 AM - Magdalene Hatziliadon
 9:00 AM - Genevieve Fagan

Thursday, January 14

8:00 AM - Rosalie Motta
 9:00 AM - Vincent Balhorn

Friday, January 15

8:00 AM - Chuck McCartney
 9:00 AM - Marguerite Duffy

Saturday, January 16

8:00 AM - James O'Brien
 9:00 AM - Karoline Puichl

IN THE INTEREST OF ACCURACY:

The weekly contribution envelopes are sent to back to the company for recording purposes so that eventually a tax statement may be sent to the donors. It is helpful in maintaining accuracy if you would indicate the amount of your donation on the envelope before placing it in the basket.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, January 22nd. The menu consists of franks and beans and a bag of salad greens. Food should be brought to the Church office where it will be picked up and delivered to St. Gabriel's Church. Please remember that all meals are for a minimum of 20 people. For information, call Geri Engstrom @ 738-1141.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 25th, 26th, 28th – First Penance
 Jan 31st – Catholic School Week begins
 Feb 3rd – St. Blasé – Blessing of Throats
 Feb 27th – Mar 3rd – Parish Mission
 Mar 31st – Living Stations of the Cross @9:30 AM
 April 17th – 18th – Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal
 April 22nd – Annual Card Party
 April 25th & May 2nd – First Communion
 May 7th – Confirmation
 May 28th – Mass of Anointing of the Sick @12 Noon
 June 18th – OLPH Graduation

Weekly Collection

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Dec. 27th	\$9,805	\$10,156
Christmas Collection	\$89,806	92,282
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Jan 3rd	\$11,296	\$10,902

"Thank you for your generous support"

PERFORM AN ACT OF KINDNESS

The upper parking area is specifically designated as a means of assistance for those who have difficulty walking. During the winter months it is especially important that these spaces be reserved for those who truly need to use them, particularly at the 5:00 PM Mass when it is dark. Please think of others when you are looking for a space as it will help them a great deal.

PARISH EVALUATION PROCESS

The final phase of the Parish Evaluation took place just prior to Christmas. The on site visitation was conducted by Fr. Bannon from St. Catherine's and Fr. Biglin from Holy Name. Their report and letters submitted by parishioners will be sent to the Priest Personnel Board who will then compile a final report that will be sent to Archbishop Dolan for his decision. The timetable for notifying the parish has usually been sometime in the spring. Sincere thanks to all who took the time and opportunity to participate in the process.

**THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT THE
FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO OUR
CHURCH DURING 2009 IN THE
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

MARK PAUL SOBOLAK	SIENNA MARIANA MCNAB
MATTHEW WILLIAM VETERI	CHARILIZE RIVERA
BRENDEM WILLIAM WALSH	OLIVIA APRIL PARKER
STEPHEN LUKE DOLAN	EMMA KAMIKO NAMBA
MICHAEL VINCENT GRECO	AINE CLARE PROFFITT
KYLE CICCO	MORGAN GRACE BEGLEY
SOPHIA ANGELA DERASMO	PAIGE JOAN SEQUINOT
CATHERINE MAEVE LYONS	ISAIAH MANUEL LAROQUE
HARRISON MICHAIL ANDERSON	JAYDEN CHRISTOPHER ORTIZ
MIA GRACE SENERCHIA	LUCA JOHNSON
MARIA ROSALIE PATERNOSTRO	TAVIA ANN DEVIVO
HOLLEY GIMIGLIANO	LUCA ENRICO LUCIANO BONDI
CAITLAND ANNE RUTIGLIANO	MAXIM TSAVARIS
EVA ORLANDO	NICASIA MARIE MANGIAFRIDDA
JOSEPH FRANCESCO MORELLO	CHRISTOPHER JAMES PASSANTE
MIA BELLA PERINO	JONATHAN DEAN STARVATOW
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BRIANNA KATE REYNA	RILEY BRIDGET PANNUTI
LEYLA HERRERA	NAVEEN MAYA LEON-KELLY
SEBASTIAN SALAZAR	ELLA POLESE
SOPHIE SUMALEE KEOLAMPHU	MATTEO JOHN DILAURA
JOSEPH ETHAN PUTZ	LEAH IRIS TORRES
PETER ALBERT LASKAJ	LAUREN REBECCA CAPPELLO
ELIZABETH JULIA KOFF	TERRANCE JAMES LAW
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