

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*





Dear Parishioners

For many people this final week before Christmas is the time when preparations take on an added sense of importance. It seems that no matter how early we have started there always remains a number of last minute things that need to be accomplished, and every day is filled with a long list of things to do. On top of that very busy list I am going to suggest that you add one more item to be accomplished.

This Monday December 19th from 7:00PM-8:30PM there will be priests available in the church to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is an opportunity being held throughout the Archdiocese to offer people a specific time and place where they can take a few minutes to reflect upon their own personal faith journey and think about planning for the future. That planning begins with an acknowledgement of our past and a desire to seek forgiveness and do better.

There are certainly many excuses that can be used as to why you are 'too busy' to come on Monday; but if you honestly think about it, that is just what they are 'excuses'. Are the many things that seem so important today really going to matter in terms of eternity? Do we really think that on Judgment Day the Lord is going to ask us how much garland we hung or what kind of gift we bought for so and so?

This Christmas why not give yourself the gift of spiritual peace. It is an investment of time and effort that pays long-term dividends.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th 5:00PM - Family Mass
 9:30PM -Choir & Brass Ensemble
 10:00PM Mass
 Dec. 25th 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM &
 12:30PM

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. No confessions Christmas Eve.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection is to help defray the cost of Christmas flowers. There will be a Mass at 8:00AM on December 26th for the intentions of the donors.

FOOD PANTRY

This time of year there is a greater demand for assistance for those in need. Your donations of non perishable food items help HOPE Food Pantry to respond in a positive way. Please leave your donations in the rear of the Church by the food pantry collection box.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19

8:00 AM - Kathryn Hanson

9:00 AM - Bert Betti

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM - Chuck McCartney

9:00 AM - Rose Auletta

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 AM - Edward Miller

9:00 AM - Joyce DiMauro

Thursday, December 22

8:00 AM - Louis Nardone

9:00 AM - Denis O'Sullivan

Friday, December 23

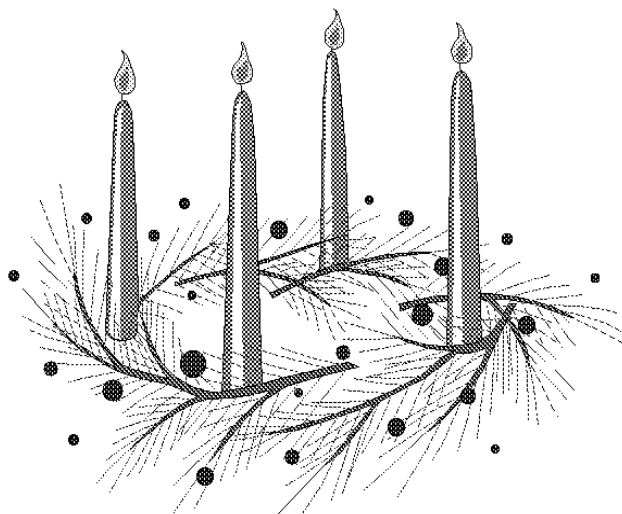
8:00 AM - Lucille Capalbo

9:00 AM - Lucille Haddad &
Giovanni Ruggiero

Saturday, December 24

8:00 AM - Kathleen Hynes Cioppa,
John Hynes & John Cioppa

9:00 AM - Denise Hickey & Jack Quigley



FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Family Christmas Tree is located on the right side of the Sanctuary. Please place a disposable ornament from your family on the tree for the Christmas season. The tree will be in place until the Feast of the Epiphany in January.

VOICES NEEDED!

The OLPH Choir needs your voice! New members are invited to join our very welcoming choir as we prepare for the holiday season. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:15 AM downstairs in the Choir Room prior to singing at the 11:00 AM Mass. All voice types are needed. There is no audition nor is it a requirement to be able to read music. Please consider joining this very special ministry. For further information, please call Dr. Joe Schippa at 914-907-4997.

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL MASS

On Sunday, January 1st the 9:30 AM Mass will be offered for our deceased family members, friends and parishioners who have died during 2011. Please join us.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, December 23rd. The menu consists of spaghetti and meat balls and large bag salad greens. Food should be brought to the Church office before 2:30PM, 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 @ 738-114 1.

December, 2011



Dear Friends at Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

Greetings from Tanzania. I am sitting here wrapped up in a fleece shirt – and it is pouring rain. I have been hearing a lot about the bad weather world wide that I feel blessed that it is just rain.

I have been thinking back on what has happened over the past year and there certainly have been many blessings for me, for my staff and especially for the children that we walk with. Part of the program is to help the children grow in self awareness and to be able to locate themselves within their family, school and community. One of the projects was “to know myself” and when we had the evaluation of the total project by the children in October one the questions asked was “what was the best thing that you learned this year?” I

was amazed and grateful so many said, “I am me and I am special.”

Another special moment for us was the purchase of solar lamps for all of the children so that they would be able to spend time in the evenings studying. Most do not have electricity and depended on kerosene lamps or candles for light. The price of kerosene more than doubled this year putting it outside the price range of most. Solar energy comes to the rescue, thanks to the fifth grade at the Maryknoll School in Hawaii – they had a bake sale and sent the proceeds to us. When we distributed the lamps the care givers as well as the children learned how to operate them, and we told all that we expected the children’s grades to improve with the extra time they have to study. We don’t have feedback on that yet.

The AIDS orphan program that you generously support was audited and evaluated by independent auditors and evaluators this year - the bottom line was the money was well spent and accounted for and the program met all the international, national, local and community standards for groups working with disadvantaged children. The recommendations were that we continue.

As we close the year, I look back through the year, the joys and challenges and give thanks for everyone who is part of our life there through prayers, support and interest. I thank God each day that you are there for us and I pray that you realize what a valued part you play in our success.

My love and prayers. Sr. Marion Hughes

Christmas Blessings