

Church of

# *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

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Mrs. Fabiola Brito Briseno, *Administrative Assistant*

Dr. Joseph Schippa, *Music Director*- Mrs. Elaine Ruggiero, *Organist*

Mr. Gabriel Gomez, *Buildings and Grounds*

## Parish School

Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

[www.olphpelham.com](http://www.olphpelham.com) ▪ (914) 738-5158

Mrs. Susan Cotronei, *Principal*

## Religious Education Office

(914) 738-0670

Mr. Michael Hall, *Director*

## Confessions

Saturday . 4:00 - 4:45pm & by appointment

## Baptisms

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

A couple of weeks ago a fifth grade student asked me if I knew why Christmas would be special this year. I told her that Christmas is always special and each year it takes on a newness all its own. That was not the answer she wanted to hear and I think she instantly saw that I had no idea how she expected her question to be answered. She was trying to contain her enthusiasm over the fact that she had 'stumped' me and so to put an end to my embarrassment I asked her why Christmas is special this year. She told me because it is the only time during the year when you get a 'two-fer'. Now more confused than embarrassed I told her she would have to explain it to me because I had no idea what she was talking about.

In a very animated manner she told me it is a 'two-fer' because you only have to go the Mass once for both Sunday and Christmas. It was like a bonus year for Christmas that only happens when Christmas comes on a Sunday. Once she told me the answer I did finally get her point and I began to think that there really is a special meaning to having Christmas on a Sunday.

The whole Christmas event is important because it is the acknowledgement of the fact that God through Jesus reaches across time and begins the process of redemption for each of us. The birth of

Jesus is the manifestation of the promise that God made that He would not abandon us and that He would send us a Redeemer. Jesus is the one who was sent by God to repair our relationship with God.

Sunday is the day when the traditionally celebrate the Resurrection; the acknowledgement that Jesus came to us, died for our sins and on Easter rose from the dead to complete His work among us. To celebrate Christmas on a Sunday unites these two life-giving moments in the history of our salvation and in one powerful day brings together the beginning and the fulfillment of the reason Jesus was born.

My little friend really had a kind of profound insight into this Christmas day being special this year and now it is up to us to do all that we can to apply the message of this day to each day of our life.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio  
Pastor

#### **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 26**

8:00 AM - Christmas Flower Donors

9:00 AM - Joseph Degiomini

## **Tuesday, December 27**

8:00 AM - Charles Giulini

9:00 AM - Antonietta Bastone

## **Wednesday, December 28**

8:00 AM - Anna & Vincent Ranisi

9:00 AM - Anna Derrico

## **Thursday, December 29**

8:00 AM - Frances & Leonard LePore

9:00 AM - Joseph Noviello

## **Friday, December 30**

8:00 AM - Josephine & Anthony Ciferri

9:00 AM - Thomas Brady

## **Saturday, December 31**

8:00 AM - Enrico & Louise Monaco

9:00 AM - Patricia Pearson

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God." Celebrate the joy of His birth by giving each other the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is February 11-12. Please call toll free 877-697-9963 for more information or visit the website at [www.mearchny.org](http://www.mearchny.org).

# Merry Christmas!!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> the 9:30 AM Mass will be offered for our deceased family members, friends and parishioners who have died during 2011. Please join us.

## **THANK YOU**

A special word of thanks and appreciation to those who make the Christmas season so wonderful.

- Our Music Director, Dr. Joseph Schippa; the OLPH Choir; and Organist, Elaine Ruggiero.
- Mr. Gabriel Gomez and Mr. Robert Thompson, our maintenance men who prepared and cleaned the Church and grounds.
- The Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Cantors and Altar Servers.
- Mrs. Jeanette Jackino for decorating the altar.
- The Colangelo Brothers for the wreaths in memory of their parents, Tony and Mary Colangelo.

To the organizers Lorri Gorman and Mary Henson, and participants in our Parish Giving Tree for a job well done.



**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT OLPH**

**Thanks to all parishioners who helped  
to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.**

The angel filled  
tree surely stands as a symbol of your generosity  
and the true meaning of Christmas.

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The wishes this year were gathered from:

1. **Hope Community Services**, a Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle.
2. The **Vicariate of South Shore of Westchester**, representing needy families from parishes across southern Westchester.
3. Wounded veterans recovering at **Walter Reed Medical Center**.

Gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas. Please note that any gifts received after the deadline will be stored for next year, depending on instructions from the organizations)

For further information, contact Lorri Gorman at 738-6470.