

December 4, 2011

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

Although we have been giving you information about the new revisions in the Mass some questions have arisen since last week when the implementation began. These are some thoughts in an effort to answer them once again.

-The idea of the revision came from Rome. The motivation was that the form we were using was not a precise translation of the old Latin Mass and that the words used were too common and not inspirational.

-A Committee of English speaking bishops and advisors as well as Roman officials began to prepare a renewed translation that would be more in keeping with the original Latin.

-A number of proposals were made to Rome and many were not accepted. Finally after much debate the English speaking bishops of the world were asked to vote on the form that we are using. This form received a majority and Rome then approved and set the date for implementation.

-This current form is in use in all the English speaking countries of the world, not just the United States so therefore words that we may find odd here may be commonplace somewhere else.

-The decision to use the revised form is NOT an option it is a mandate.

-The former form is not permitted to be used at all.

Change is challenging and it will take time for all of us to get accustomed to the different words and phrases. Although these changes may seem to be cumbersome and possibly annoying they do not represent the core of

who we are as a Catholic people of faith. Our faith in the saving power of Jesus and His Gospel message should not be shaken by something like this.

Let us call to mind those who cannot practice their faith openly and would give anything to be able to come together in common voice and pray with a community or those who in the past gave their life so that we could have the freedom to pray publicly. In that spirit 'let us pray'.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

OLPH ADVENT YOUTH MASS

Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 PM. Please join us for a special Mass dedicated to the teens and tweens of our community. What we need most though is the active participation of your children! If they are interested in singing or serving as ushers please call Joan Brisson at 738-0922 and let us know. The Knights of Columbus will be providing refreshments after the Mass in the School Cafeteria.

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Patron Feast of the United States. It is a holyday of obligation. Mass will be at 8:00AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00PM.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

8:00 AM - Jessie & Matthew Adinolfi

9:00 AM - Vincent & Anna Ranisi

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 AM - A. George Haddad

9:00 AM - Mary Creitoff

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 AM - Joseph Dwyer

9:00 AM - Joseph Fleri

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 8:00AM, 9:00AM and 7:00PM

Friday, December 9

8:00 AM - Rose & Neal Duffy

9:00 AM - Roger Rae

Saturday, December 10

8:00 AM - Kathryn Hanson

9:00 AM - Olga Marshall

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.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR OUR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Our retired men and women religious have dedicated their lives to serving others: nurturing the young, comforting those in need, and sharing their faith and love with all to whom they ministered. Thank the Lord, many religious continue to serve the archdiocese; yet, our older sisters and brothers are in need of our assistance in providing for their well-deserved and well-earned retirement years. Please be as generous as you can in helping to support our retired sisters and brothers next weekend.

GIVING TREE DEADLINE

The final day for you to drop off items for the Christmas Giving Tree is Sunday, December 18th. Please be sure to leave your donations by that date so they can be picked up by the sponsoring agencies for distribution. We do not accept gifts after that date.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

We will no longer publish the collection on a weekly basis. The reason for this is that a growing number of people are signing up for PARISH PAY and we get those funds twice a month. As a result the actual collection numbers do not accurately reflect what has been given. We will publish the collection totals on a monthly basis in an effort to provide you with more accurate details.

WEEKEND LECTORS

Please pick up your new workbooks in the Sacristy.

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION

The collection for Hope Community Services Food Pantry taken up on Thanksgiving Day totaled \$526.00. Thanks to all who contributed.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

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



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT OLPH

It's that time of year again, time for us to work together to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.

The first Sunday of Advent, **gift tags will be available in baskets located in the entry vestibule of the church before or after Mass.**

Each parish family, or family member, is invited to take a gift wish card and purchase the item indicated.

Within three weeks (by **December 18**) all gifts should be wrapped, labeled (using the adhesive backed tag provided) and returned to the church. When you place the gift under the tree, **pick up an angel ornament from the basket located nearby and hang it on a branch.**

The angel filled tree will stand as a symbol of the true meaning of Christmas.

Each gift tag describes a wish of a needy person. The wishes 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.** They are in need of gift cards to **TARGET, BARNES AND NOBLE, OR AMAZON.** Approximate value \$20- \$25. Place in collection box next to the tree.

Gifts will be distributed in time for Christmas. Please note that any gifts received after the 18th will be distributed after Christmas (or stored for next year, depending on instructions from the organizations)

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