

February 5, 2012

Church of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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:

Last fall when I met with the Parish Council we spent a considerable amount of time on the ongoing plan for the Archdiocese "Making All Things New". An integral part of this plan is to evaluate and then modify parish Mass schedules that take into effect the availability of clergy, size of the church and the number of people attending.

As part of our discussion we first looked at the schedule for holydays of obligation. The goal was to consolidate the vigil Mass and the evening Mass into one, as each had a low attendance. The committee discussed various options and then came up with the plan we are now using that has Mass at 7:00PM on the night of the feast. So far that has worked out fine; but realistically, holydays only occur a few times a year so the impact has been minimal in the overall scope of scheduling.

The next phase we are going to consider is the weekend Mass schedule for the summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day). Last summer we took weekly totals of the attendance and at many Masses there were less than 200 people for a church that seats 800 people. This also is a time when we have fewer priests available because of vacations. Therefore we are looking to modify the Sunday schedule for the summer months by reducing one Mass. To do this we would like your input.

On page 4 of today's bulletin there are two options presented that would accomplish our goal. We are asking you to indicate which option would work better for you. Your input will help us to arrive at a conclusion to be implemented for this summer.

Please keep in mind the following:

- these changes will ONLY be used from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- the current weekend schedule will remain the same for rest of the year.
- the 5PM Mass on Saturday will not be changed.

Next weekend when you come to Mass there will be a box in the rear of the church to place your completed form.

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 6

8:00 AM - Jessie & Matthew Adinolfi

9:00 AM - Richard Chianese

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 AM - Edward Fabiani

9:00 AM - Bridgett Eves

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 AM - Teresa Kavanagh

9:00 AM - Deceased members of the
Mandarino Family

Thursday, February 9

8:00 AM - Matilda Hoffer

9:00 AM - Stephen Giannelli

Friday, February 10

8:00 AM - Katharine Genius

9:00 AM - Alfredo DeRosa

Saturday, February 11

8:00 AM - Barbara Jules

9:00 AM - John Godfrey

CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE

Are you wondering what to do with those Christmas gifts you received and don't need or have room for? Maybe they are duplicates or not your real choice. Why not donate them as gifts for the annual spring PARISH CARD PARTY? Just drop them off at the school or church office. Only NEW items please. Thanks.

KNIT OR CROCHET?

Volunteers needed to make baby blankets for needy mothers. Archdiocese "Layette Program". Yarn supplied. 705 blankets delivered in 2011. For more information please call 738-0951.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2012 please let us know. The 50th anniversary couples will be invited to the Cathedral and both the 25th and 50th couples will be honored in the Parish in the spring. Please call the church office to register @738-1449.

FIRST PENANCE

The students in the second grade and others who are preparing for First Communion in the spring recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our congratulations to them, their parents and teachers for a job well done.

LIFE CHAIN

Pray for unborn babies and their mothers, Sunday, Feb. 19th. Kohl's Plaza Portchester, NY, 2:00-3:00PM.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, February 25th. The menu consists of fried chicken and bag of frozen peas and small dinner rolls. 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.

2012 ARCHDIOCESE STEWARSHIP APPEAL

This week marks the beginning of the 2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal in our parish. You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal-designate Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the Appeal each year. When you receive your letter, please fill out your pledge card and send it in. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH SURVEY

In the near future the Parish Council will be working on a plan to revise the summer Sunday Mass schedule that will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The goal is to consolidate and eliminate one Mass on a Sunday. It would help the deliberation if you could indicate your preference. The 5PM Mass on Saturday will remain as is.

Just complete the survey and drop it in the collection basket next weekend. Thanks for your help.

Mass I usually attend

5PM 8AM 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm

SUMMER OPTIONS (CHOOSE A OR B)

Option A Sunday 8:00AM 10:00AM 12:00PM

Option B Sunday 7:30AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM

The schedule that is best for me is OPTION A

OPTION B