

January 8, 2012

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:

Because of the way Christmas fell this year this weekend we have back-to-back major Feasts of the Lord. Sunday is the Epiphany and Monday is the Baptism of the Lord. Unfortunately they often do not get the attention they deserve coming when they do.

Years ago the Epiphany was also called 'Little Christmas' and was observed as the day that the Three Kings arrived in Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus. In many European and Latino cultures that day, always celebrated on January 6th is still an important holyday and holiday observed with festive parades and celebrations. In our contemporary culture the uniqueness and beauty of the day is somehow lost and has been translated to the last day to have the Christmas tree up and put away the decorations for the next year.

The word Epiphany means manifestation and it references that Jesus was made manifest to the world in the person of the Three Kings. The irony is that they worshipped him by bringing expensive gifts to Him and actually it is He who was the gift to them.

The Baptism of the Lord recalls that Jesus even though he was sinless went through a ceremony of Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist so that he could identify and model what he would later expect of those who would follow him. This new birth in water and the spirit would in His followers remove the

presence of original sin and make them worthy disciples and followers.

Although both these feasts do have not maintained their prominence in our tradition today they underscore the continual outpouring of commitment that Jesus made and continues to make to those who seek him out and are willing to follow.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

COME. LET US WORSHIP

The presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is central to our faith as Catholics. Time spent with the Lord in prayer and adoration is a unique moment to open our hearts to His grace in our life.

On Friday, January 6th at 5:00 PM in the Chapel we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration and Benediction. Please plan to join with us in prayer and experience the power of His presence.

CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring The Sixth Annual Communion Breakfast for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools on Saturday, January 28th, from 10:00 to 1:00PM at the Riverview Caterers in Hasting-on-Hudson. Suggested donation of \$20.00 is requested. For information contact Helen Doon at 646-794-2822.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 2

8:00 AM - Helen Smith Cannon
9:00 AM - Michael Provino

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 AM - Michael Adrian Walsh
9:00 AM - Michael Grimaldi

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 AM - Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM - Louisa & Alcide Spreecace

Thursday, January 5

8:00 AM - Joseph Focazio
9:00 AM - Anne Martin Geraghty

Friday, January 6

8:00 AM - Sam DeLuca
9:00 AM - Michael Provino

Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM - Pasquale Marciano
9:00 AM - Richard Brown

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The Lord looks upon you kindly and gives you peace!" Experience His peace in your sacrament on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 11-12. Please call toll free 877-697-9963 for more information or visit the website at www.mearchny.org.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, January 28th. The menu consists of meat loaf, bag of frozen green beans, and two loaves rye bread. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

The annual collection for Catholic University and Catholic communications will be taken at all Masses next weekend.

FOR YOUR RECORDS

Contribution statements for those who regularly use the parish envelope system will be mailed out in January so that you may have this information for tax purposes. Parish Pay users may get their information at parishpay.com

SAVE THE CHANGE

On the weekend of January 15th we will begin our annual Bottle drive to collect your spare change to benefit Expectant Mothers Services that offers assistance to women in difficult circumstances who are preparing to have a child. The bottle will be collected the weekend of January 29th.

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.

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.

WE'RE EXPANDING

Just before Christmas we added some new figures to outside Nativity set; 2 shepherds, a donkey and a cow. It is getting pretty crowded in the stable now.

**THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT THE
FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO OUR
CHURCH DURING 2011 IN THE
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

KATHLEEN TERESA HALLIGAN

SOPHIA MARIA TISO

LILIANA LYNN MOTTA

LARKIN JASON WISDOM

JULIAN BLAKE WISDOM

MATTEO GREGORY MORSELLI

SHILD MARIE D'AGOSTINO

LAUREN TAHAN YOUNG

SOFIA TAHAN YOUNG

MARK FRANCIS BRODERICK

KATE DENISE SCHERER

JOSEPH RICHARD RUTIGLIANO

MICHAEL O'CONNOR

DANIELLE ARCESE

RENA LAUTER

NEILE-HENRY MURIN

CLOE BELLE PARMITER

NICHOLAS VINCENT MORELLO

ABIGAIL RAMOS

ELIZABETH MURRAY

KATHERINE MURRAY

BROOK CONROY

CECILIA KEMP GAFFNEY

MICHAEL ANTHONY RIVERA

LUKAS RYAN REYES

WILLIAM MICHAEL CONNOLLY

JOSEPH JETER AULETTA

EVANGELINE ROSE AULETTA

GABRIELLA LEE GRECO

BRANDON MICHAEL HOFMANN

GABRIELLA ROSE BARBUTO

JOSEPH ARTURO PATERRA

TREVOR CAL HEITZMANN

NICHOLAS JAMES STARVATOW

MADELINE KATHLEEN LORD

MICHAEL ANTHONY VINCENZI

BRENDAN MICHAEL MOLINEAUX

ELLA MARIE GATTI

