

November 27, 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

The Advent season is upon us. How can we get the most from these four weeks preparing for Christmas?

Certainly there are those who will say that their life is already over scheduled and add to that the time and effort needed to prepare for Christmas, there just isn't any time left. Maybe you feel that even with the best of good intentions you fall into that category as well. Do not despair, there is HOPE.

Advent is the season of hope. It reflects that time when the world was living in a sense of hope and expectation about the coming of the Messiah. Generations of prophets had foretold His coming and now their words are to be fulfilled in the person of Jesus. It is Jesus who will inject into their life a great sense of hope because in Him salvation has become possible. No longer was humankind destined to be estranged from God; now redemption has come to them.

The hope that Jesus brings lifts up the spirits of those who were overburdened by life and saw no relief. The hope that Jesus brings renews our relationship with God and offers endless possibilities. The hope that Jesus brings rescues us from darkness and enables us to walk in a new light.

Yes, we are busy, over scheduled and have many obligations to attend to; but without making time for Jesus in our life what is there to really HOPE for? What does it all mean?

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, December 2nd 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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28

8:00 AM - Ralph Petruolo

9:00 AM - Anthony Monaco

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 AM - Donald Paul Hertzog

9:00 AM - Marisa & Josephine Manavola

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 AM - Michael Adrian Walsh

9:00 AM - Elaine Ludwig

Thursday, December 1

8:00 AM - John Carmody

9:00 AM - Marie G. Saunders

Friday, December 2

8:00 AM - Mazzariello & Castellano Families

9:00 AM - Sabina Eves (living)

Saturday, December 3

8:00 AM - Michael Adrian Walsh

9:00 AM - Michael & Sarah Terlizzi

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Beginning next week 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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

December 3rd and 4th

The Annual Christmas Boutique and Wreath Sale is almost here! It will be held next weekend on Saturday, December 3rd from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 4th from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Photos with Santa will be on Sunday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

New Items, Christmas Decorations, Wreaths, Silent Auction, Religious Articles and Sacred Music CD's, Gourmet Food and Raffles will be available.



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.