

October 9, 2011

Church of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Parish School

Pre-K – 8th grade

www.olphpelham.com ▪ (914) 738-5158

Mrs. Susan Cotronei, *Principal*

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(914) 738-0670

Mr. Michael Hall, *Director*

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*



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

Now that school is back in session, people are back from their summer break and there is somewhat of a routine settling into our life schedule I would like to reflect upon some trends in parish life.

We hear over and over again that the number of priests is declining. In our own Archdiocese there will be only one man ordained in May, which is the first time in over 100 years that has been the case. Those of us who remain are aging rapidly and in many instances saying Mass in more than one place because a priest is not available or an emergency has occurred and a substitute is needed. Trends in Mass attendance are also undergoing a transformation as well. In particular I would point to the number of people attending Mass on holydays of obligation as well as the number of people who are here during the summer months. In both instances the attendance has been declining.

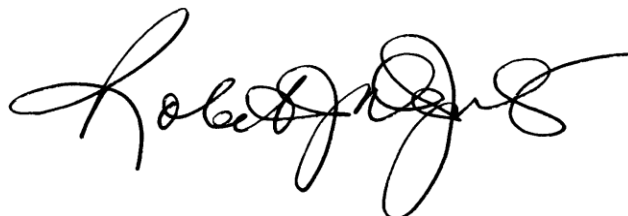
Rather than just let things dwindle like this I would like to be pro-active and make some adjustments in scheduling. By doing this we will make better use of our personnel and resources and those who come to worship will be able to do so in a more positive atmosphere.

During the summer the ushers took a head count at every Mass from mid-June to Labor Day. These figures have been compiled in a chart. We have also been charting the attendance at the holyday Masses and the Vigil Mass at 5 and the Evening Mass at 7:30 are particularly low in attendance.

With this in mind when I meet with the Parish Council in November I will be asking them to help craft a plan to best use our resources while still be available to parishioners. I don't believe there will be any major shifting but I will be interested to hear their thoughts.

I am confident that working together we can come up with a workable plan moving forward.

Sincerely,



Rev. Robert DeJulio
Pastor

CHOIR NEWS!

The OLPH Choir will resume on Sunday, October 16th. All new and returning members are invited to meet downstairs in the Choir room at 10:15AM. We will sing at the 11:00AM Mass. All voice types are needed. There is not requirement to be able to read music just a willingness to use your voice to sing praise to God. Please consider joining this special ministry. For further information you may call Dr. Joe Schippa at 914-4997.

FALL BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

The next meeting of our Bereavement Program will begin on Saturday, October 22nd at 9:30 am in the office area of the lower church. The program will run for 8 weeks. If you are mourning the loss of a loved one you are invited to come and participate. Please call the church office to register at 738-1449. There is no fee.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 10

8:00 AM - Varghese Vettiyyolil
 9:00 AM - Giovanni DelVecchio

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 AM - Fr. Ed Warnken
 9:00 AM - Carol Pasquantonio

Wednesday, October 12

8:00 AM - Kathleen Hynes Cioppa,
 John Hynes, John Cioppa
 9:00 AM - Anthony Monaco

Thursday, October 13

8:00 AM - Kathryn Hanson
 9:00 AM - Deceased members of
 The Hughes Family

Friday, October 14

8:00 AM - Anthony Maisano
 9:00 AM - Angel Monaco

Saturday, October 15

8:00 PM - Ann Vitantonio
 9:00 PM - Yolanda Percopo

EXPECTANT FAMILY MASS

There will be a Mass for Expectant Families on Sunday, October 16th at 9:30AM. We invite those families expecting a child to come for this special blessing. Please call the office at 738-1449 and let us know you will be attending.

H.O.P.E. SOUP KITCHEN

The next scheduled cooking day for our Parish Chefs is Friday, October 28th. The menu consists of fried chicken, bag of frozen peas and small diner 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.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE WANTED NEW ITEMS

It is not too early to start thinking about what item(s) you can donate for the New Items Table at the OLPH Annual Christmas Boutique & Wreath Sale. Is there something in your attic/basement that you purchased but never opened? Did you receive a gift that you'd like to "re-gift"? If you are crafty, is there a hand-made item we can sell? Or can you contribute a few dollars with which we can purchase items? Please bring all donations to the parish office and mark them "New Item."



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| | 2010 | 2011 |
| Last week's collection | \$9,189 | \$8,448 |

Electronic contributions now available through Parishpay.com



Second Time
 Michael D'Onofrio & Gia Broccoli

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

When you shop at Stop & Shop. Our school's A+ School rewards ID Code is 07712. Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your card today! Cards need to be registered every year.

ADULT CLASSES

Classes will begin in October for adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or Communion and for adults who would like to become Catholics. Please contact the church office at 738-1449.

DO YOUR PART



GIVE BLOOD

PLEASE DONATE!

October 16, 2011

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Cafeteria

9:30AM to 12:00 Noon

Requirements: Picture ID, SS# (last four digits) drink plenty of water, eat breakfast.

Sound Shore Medical Center Of Westchester