

Lord, If My Brother Sins Against Me, How Often Must I Forgive Him?



Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church

Fr. Jim Serowik

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

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Last week's Hope Appeal Video was received extremely well in our parish. It was great to see the Newman House Ministry at Binghamton University and the great work done there focused on in the video. There are so many ministries that are supported by the Hope Appeal and they truly make Jesus Christ present in the lives that these ministries touch. I would like to encourage everyone to please be generous in supporting this year's Diocesan Hope Appeal.

This weekend we begin the Faith Formation Classes in our parish. I would like to thank all members of our parish who serve as Catechists for our young people. The time and effort that you put into your ministry is evident and it is that which makes our program so special. I would like to thank all parents who make the sacrifice to ensure that our young people make it to Faith Formation classes AND MASS every week. This is the best formula for us to pass on our faith to the next generation of disciples in our parish. I would especially like to thank Sherry Dee and Jackie Wright, the Faith Formation Coordinators in our parish for all the hard work, effort and love they put into this important ministry. Let's all continue to pray for our young people as they begin another year of Faith Formation.

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This weekend's Readings from Sacred Scripture speak to us about the importance of forgiveness in our lives. Our First Reading from the Book of Sirach remind us that "wrath and anger are a terrible thing." How many of us journey through life angry with someone? How many of us journey through life just waiting for that chance to get back at someone who has hurt us? It is sad to see so many people in our nation angry at people who might have different political views than they do. There is so much anger in our world today. We need to hear Jesus' message of love and forgiveness in our lives. Let us take some time this week to examine our lives and our hearts to see if there is someone who needs our forgiveness in their lives.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Jim





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Cincinnati, New York

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OLPH's Seton Hall: 863-4750
P.O. Box 310, Cincinnati, NY 13040

Whitney Point Parish Office: 692-3911
P.O. Box 711, Whitney Point, NY 13862

Weekday Mass:	<u>OLPH</u> No Mass	<u>Marathon</u> No Mass	<u>Whitney Point</u> 6:00PM Monday Evenings
Sunday Masses:	12:00PM	10:15AM	8:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: As announced or by appointment.

Mission Statement for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

"To advance the Kingdom of God by living a Community Life of Love & Worship,
Telling the Good News of Jesus Christ."

OLPH PARISH STAFF: Parish Council President-Linda Crowley, 863-3574 Vice-President-Terri Fedele Secretary-Lisa Holt
Pastoral Care Lay Minister: Linda Crowley, lcrowley@zfatest.net
Secretary-Mary Wied-For bulletin announcements please call 692-3911 or ststephenstpat@syrdio.org by Wed



"Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart."

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

Baptisms – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office.
Weddings – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office at least 6 months in advance.
Sick/Infirm—If you have someone who is sick or in the hospital, please **notify our**
Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Linda, so they can be pastorally attended to.

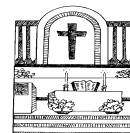
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 09/17/23 12:00PM for Francis Naylor by Bob & Joanne Livermore
for Margaret & Francis Pratt, Jonathan Pratt,
Bernie Massar by Sharon Massar

Sunday, 09/24/23 12:00PM for Joe Auberger by Ellie Auberger



Lector: Hugh Cook	Eucharistic Minister: Linda Crowley, Pam Maroney, Jean Drury	Gift Bearers: Jay & Lisa Holt
Next Sunday: Linda Crowley	Next Sunday: Betty Carter, Sue DeMonte, Sharon Constantino	Next Sunday: Hugh & Jackie Cook
Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte	If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector be on the ministry schedule contact Betty Carter at chopwood2@hotmail.com .	



OLPH's Coffee Hour—Everyone please join us every Sunday in Seton Hall, following 12PM Mass,
for some coffee or something cold to drink with some snacks and good fellowship.

OLPH's Coffee Hour—If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour after Sunday Mass, please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Seton Hall. All that is required to bring is any type of light snack, such as cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, etc. You may bring baked or store bought goodies. Coffee, milk and sugar are provided by church. There is also the option to donate to the coffee can during Coffee Hour and someone will make sure to provide for Sundays that no one signed up for.

2023 Hope Appeal You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith! All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted!
\$1 - \$5 - \$25 - \$40 - \$75 - \$100 - \$500 Each gift brings us closer to our goal! It is our HOPE that you will choose to participate in the Annual Diocesan HOPE Appeal Campaign. With the participation of each and every parish family we should be able to meet our parish assessment of \$2,530. We make it easy for you. We accept cash, checks and even credit cards. No cash now? You can make a pledge. The diocese will send you reminders later in the year to make payments. Simply fill out the form that you will be receiving in the mail or fill out a form from the pews at church and return them via the collection basket or by mail.
You may also make a secure gift online at www.syrdio.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is a process for becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It is for those who are seeking Baptism in the Catholic Faith, those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and now seek to be a member of the Catholic Faith, and for those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

➡There will be an RCIA Information Night on Tuesday, September 26th,
6:30PM at our Whitney Point Church, with our RCIA Director, Kathy Cusick.

Daily Message from Pope Francis "Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world which God has given us as the home of all and a home for all. Simply PEACE... In this way, the lives of our dear ones will not be lives which will one day be forgotten. Instead, they will be present whenever we strive to be prophets not of tearing down but of building up, prophets of reconciliation, prophets of peace." ~Pope Francis
Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.

The Third Option "REBUILDING TRUST IN MARRIAGE: It Can Be Done."

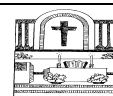
Sponsored by the THIRD OPTION, a program to build better marriages. The hybrid meeting is Sunday, September 24th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Attend in-person at the Parish Center of St. Michael and St. Peter Church, 4782 W. Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY or from the comfort of your home by Zoom. For more information or the Zoom link, please visit sstewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6754 ext. 5.

Annual Indoor Slavic Festival Sunday, September 24—11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church, 360 Clinton St. Binghamton

Homemade Pirohi, Holupki, Halushky Eastern European Kolbasi and Sauerkraut Traditional Slovak baked goods Beer, pizza, hotdogs All food items available for dine in or take out Mystery Box, basket & 50/50 raffles, church tours, games and activities for children Live entertainment with Joe Stanky and the Cadets Free Admission

Mass Intentions-If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our office at 607-692-3911 or see Mary Wied at Mass. The offering for all Mass intentions (both living and deceased) is \$15 per Mass. If paying by check, please make payable to OLPH Church.



➔To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, you can now use <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Prayer Chain - If you know of someone in need of special prayers and would like them listed on OLPH's Prayer Chain or if you're not on our prayer chain list of calls and would like to be, please contact Betty Carter at 607-863-3163 or email: chopwood2@hotmail.com.



Rural Services' Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Their biggest demand is for peanut butter & jelly and pasta & sauce. Items can be brought on Sunday when you come to Mass & put in the marked basket at the entrance of our church. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be marked "Rural Services" and placed in collection basket, or mail to Rural Services, P.O. Box 57, Cincinnatus, NY 13040.

Weekly Collection – Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023: **Regular Collection:** Envs: \$395. Loose: \$192. Total Reg.: \$587.
Other Income: Fuel-\$50. Votives-\$36. 50/50-\$18. **Bills Paid Last 2 Weeks:** \$1,529.56 (stipends-\$175. ChMaint-\$40.14 MoDioAssess-\$209.32 Bulletins-\$165.76 MoTithing-\$100.(RurServ) FuelBudgPymt-\$695. Office-\$144.34(toner,paper))
Thank you for your treasure, time and talent to our parish!

The winner of OLPH's 50/50 for September was won by Kelly Cerroni. Congratulations! She won \$17.00. OLPH's 50/50 raffle tickets are sold every Sunday before Mass. Someone is always at the table in the vestibule selling tickets for \$1. Drawing is the first Sunday of every month and proceeds are split between winner and our parish. ➔**OLPH's 50/50** – We are still looking for a couple of people, to take turns, sitting at the table in the entrance of our church to sell 50/50 tickets as parishioners are coming in for Mass, so you would need to come a little early before our Mass begins. Tickets are sold every Sunday for a \$1.00 each and drawings are done the first Sunday of every month during our coffee hour. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish. If you are interested and able please call the parish office, 692-3911, or see Hugh Cook at Mass.

Formation for Ministry presents PROJECT COMPASSION with Fr. Charles Vavonese and Dr. Paul Fiacco on Saturday, October 21st, from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Christ The King Church, Liverpool.

Workshop highlights Project Compassion, an initiative to provide support and resources to those who administer to individuals and families coping with serious illness, end of life moral and medical issues, grieving and loss.

➔Fr. Vavonese, Director of Project Compassion, will review basic skills needed for pastoral care visits.

➔Dr. Fiacco, Medical Director of Project Compassion, will give an overview of resources available on the Project Compassion website Cost: \$35.00/individual not enrolled in Formation for Ministry. \$90.00 for parish teams of three or more. Lunch will be served. **Deadline to register is October 13th and if you are interested in going please call our parish office before registering so if we get 3 or more we can register together for discounted rate and carpool.**