



## **Celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent: Joy**

**DECEMBER 17, 2023  
OUR LADY OF  
PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## **Pastor's Column - December 17, 2023**

**On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Church calls us to rejoice because “the Lord Is near.” In the midst of the busyness of this season, it is difficult for us to believe that the Lord Jesus is present in the midst of our preparations. Our Lord is with us in the midst of the hustle and bustle of our lives. He is present, but so many times, we are so busy that we fail to recognize Him. Let us take some time this week to rejoice at the nearness of our Lord Jesus.**

**This past Monday evening was a wonderful night at our Advent Penance Service. It was great to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness with our young people for the first time and to see so many members of our parish take advantage of this great opportunity.**

**This Monday evening, we have another excellent opportunity to prepare for Christmas. Fr. Thomas will be at St. Stephen's Church in Marathon from 4:00-7:00 PM waiting to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness with anyone who needs it in the Sacrament of Confession. We are joining with other parishes in the Diocese of Syracuse and participating in the Light is On for You. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to prepare for Christmas.**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**Fr. Jim**



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Cincinnati, New York

Rev. James P. Serowik, Pastor



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P.O. Box 711, Whitney Point, NY 13862

	<u>OLPH</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Whitney Point</u>
<b>Weekday Mass:</b>	No Mass	No Mass	6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays
<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	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@zfastest.net](mailto:lcrowley@zfastest.net)

Secretary-Mary Wied-For bulletin announcements please call 692-3911 or [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org) by Wed.

**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.

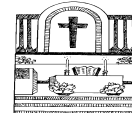
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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 12/17/23 12:00PM for Joseph Ricca by Pat & Terri Fedele  
for Alex Kemak by Mike & Lorraine Kemak

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



Lector: Pam Maroney

Next Sunday: Sharon Constantino

Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Carter, Sue DeMonte

Next Sunday: Lisa Holt, Sharon Constantino

If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector contact Betty Carter at [chopwood2@hotmail.com](mailto:chopwood2@hotmail.com).

Gift Bearers: Jay & Lisa Holt

Next Sunday: Hugh & Jackie Cook

**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



**Gaudete Sunday** - The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the day when we  
light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the "pink candle" Sunday.)

Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. Gaudete means "rejoice."

This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a  
kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

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3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

**Becoming Missionary Disciples** - In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care.

This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus.

John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst.

In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world. As you  
gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of

Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. *Loyola Press*

**The Light Is On For You The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered as part of the "Light Is On For You"

Campaign on Monday, December 18th, from 4:00 to 7:00PM at St. Stephen's Church in Marathon.

Also at St Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland, from 4:00 - 5:30PM and after Mass from 6:00 - 7:00PM.



**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:** Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM at our Whitney Point Church

**Christmas Day:** Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 10:15AM at our Marathon Church  
12:00PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



### Catholic Christmas Shopping Ideas:

- ➔ catholic-link.org - The Best Catholic Gifts For The Women In Your Life
- ➔ Catholic-link.org - Catholic Gifts For Him: Dad, Brothers, Uncles, Priests!
- ➔ Catholic-link.org - The Best Catholic Gifts for Kids in 2023
- ➔ Catholic-link.org - Our Favorite Catholic Gifts For Foodies ➔ Amazon.com - Christmas Gifts for Catholics
- ➔ Hallow.com - The Ultimate Catholic Gift Guide for Advent and Christmas 2023
- ➔ NCRegister.com - 2023 Buy Catholic:Christmas Gift Ideas



**Intentions of the Sick at OLPH**-If you know someone that may be ill, facing surgery, etc., you can write down that person's name in the *Intentions of the Sick* book on small podium, as you come into church, and the book will be brought up to the altar and mentioned to pray for those written in book during the Intercessory Prayers.

On the podium with the *Intentions of the Sick* book there may be a card for one of our church family members, such as a Get Well card. If you are interested in being a signer to whatever card may be there, please always check when you come in to see if there is a card and if you would like to sign it. If you know one of our parishioners that isn't well please call the Parish Office at 692-3911 or see Pam Maroney. **Please take note: If you arrive to Mass and the podium with the *Intentions Of The Sick* book and any get well cards, etc. has been taken away for Mass, please check for it on your way out, at the entrance of church, if you want to see if there were any cards you would like to sign.**



**Christmas Cards for fellow parishioners** can be put in the standing files that are marked with letters (for person's last name) as you come into church and be sure to check if you've received any.

Stewardship  
Report



**Weekly Collection – Sunday, December 03, 2023:** Envs: \$211.81 Loose: \$212. Total: \$423.81

**Diocesan Collections:** Cathedraicum-\$10. **Other Income:** ImmConc-\$30. Flowers-\$72. Fuel-\$10.

Votives-\$38. 50/50-\$25. **Last Sunday, December 10, 2023:** Envs: \$572.66 Loose: 63. Total: \$635.66

**Diocesan Collections:** Cathedraicum-\$10. **Other Income:** ImmConc-\$32. Fuel-\$10.

Bills Paid w/o 12/3: \$204.50 Bills Paid w/o 12/10: \$1,157.71

*Your continued generosity keeps our parish's bill paid in a timely manner; thank you!*

### 2023 HOPE Appeal - You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith!

Thank you to those who did make pledges to our 2023 HOPE Appeal.

➔ **WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!**

**Congratulations to Pam Maroney for winning OLPH's 50/50 for December!**

**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 \$1.00 each before Mass.

If you are interested and able please call the parish office, 692-3911, or see Hugh Cook at Mass.

**Newcomers & Current Parishioners:** WELCOME! If you would like to register, receive contribution envelopes, Catholic SUN, have a change in address, marital status, etc., please fill out small blue form by the bulletins & drop it in collection basket.



➔ **There are 2024 calendars available** for our parishioners to take and please take one for someone you know that is homebound. There are some at the entrance of church and in Seton Hall.

**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](mailto:chopwood2@hotmail.com).



**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.

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[www.facebook.com/ccsssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccsssp) to get the most up to date information on parish events for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches. Thank you to John Dee for the wonderful work on our Facebook Page.