

JANUARY 21, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES



**Come After Me, And I Will
Make You Fishers Of Men**

**OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH**

Pastor's Column – January 21, 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, we see Jesus calling two more of His disciples to follow Him. James and John, upon hearing the call of Jesus, abandon their nets and immediately follow Jesus. This speaks to us about the immediacy of Jesus' call. He wants us to follow Him and to be a part of our daily lives. He wants to be the focus of our lives. Too many times we try to fit our relationship with our Lord around the hectic schedule of our lives. He invites us this Sunday to make Him a priority and to follow Him daily. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to make Him a part of our daily lives.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

Fr. Jim





Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Cincinnati, New York

Rev. James P. Serowik, Pastor



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<u>OLPH</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Whitney Point</u>
Weekday Mass: No Mass	No Mass	6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays
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@zfastest.net
Secretary-Mary Wied-For bulletin announcements please call 692-3911 or 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**

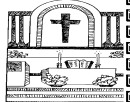
Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Linda, so they can be pastorally attended to.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 01/21/24 12:00PM for Ma. Charito San Juan by Jean & Katrina Drury
Next Sunday, 01/28/24 12:00PM for The People Of Our Parish



Lector: Linda Crowley **Eucharistic Minister:** Betty Carter, Sue DeMonte **Gift Bearers:** Jean Drury, Jeanne Williams
Next Sunday: Chris Klein **Next Sunday:** Lisa Holt, Sharon Constantino **Next Sunday:** Pat Rice, Joanne Livermore
Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte **If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector 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



**Potluck
Dinner**



Instead of our Epiphany dinner which we had to cancel due to weather, we will hold
a **Winter Potluck Dinner** after our 12:00 PM Mass next Sunday, January 28th, in Seton Hall.
Please bring a dish to pass. The church will provide a ham. Everyone is welcome!

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - This week we begin to read from the Gospel of Mark and we will be with Mark for much of the Ordinary Time Sundays for the year. This week we once again hear about the call to discipleship as Jesus calls out to Simon and Andrew. Notice the difference from last week's reading from John. In the Gospel of Mark, once called by Jesus, the two fishermen drop their nets instantly and accept Jesus' invitation. In Jewish tradition, rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. ~loyolapress.com

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.



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.



Daily Message from Pope Francis "The Magi are filled with longing for the infinite, and so they gaze at the stars of the evening sky. They do not pass their lives staring at their feet, self-absorbed, confined by earthly horizons, plodding ahead in resignation or lamentation. They lift their heads high and await the light that can illumine the meaning of their lives, the salvation that dawns from on high. They then see a star, brighter than all others, which fascinates them and makes them set out on a journey. Here we see the key to discovering the real meaning of our lives: if we remain closed in the narrow confines of earthly things, if we waste away, heads bowed, hostages of our failures and our regrets; if we thirst for wealth and worldly comforts - which are here today and are gone tomorrow - rather than becoming seekers of life and love, our life slowly loses its light. The Magi, who are still foreigners and have not yet encountered Jesus, teach us to fix our sight on high, to lift our eyes to the heavens, to the hills, from which our help will come, for our help is from the Lord " ~Pope Francis

Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.

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.



2023 Contribution Statements - If you are an envelope user for our parish's donations and would like a statement of your 2023 contributions please call our parish office, 607-692-3911, or email: ststephenstpat@syrdio.org and they will be ready by the end of this month.



IGNITE 2024 Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, March 23rd

We are excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers. We are going BIG AGAIN this year with our Keynote Speaker: Internationally renowned Chris Stefanick! Along with Chris will be Jim Towe and Deacon Ralph Poyo and of course Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass.

IGNITE is moving to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar NOW. We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend or both to share the day. Please go to the event website for the bio's of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register. Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org.

Dearest OLPH Church Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful cards and Poinsettia plant. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are so appreciated!

Love, Jennifer



Last Sunday, January 14, 2024: Envs: \$210.17 Loose: \$117.Total Regular Collection: \$327.17

Other Income: Fuel-\$104.33 Bills Paid This Week: \$523.34

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

Thank you to Mike Kemak, the winner of OLPH's 50/50 for January, for donating his winnings of \$14.00 back to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



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 in marked basket at the entrance of our church. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be mailed to Rural Services, P.O. Box 57, Cincinnatus, NY 13040.

Syracuse Catholic Women's Retreat - Begin Lent in prayerful preparation at the Syracuse Catholic Women's Retreat, "Put a new and right spirit within me" Psalm 51:10, on Saturday, February 17, 2024. New this year: three retreat locations to serve Utica, Syracuse and Binghamton. The morning includes Mass, Confession, breakfast, speaker reflection, Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and more. To register and for information on speakers and the schedule, visit www.syracusecatholicwomen.org. Cost is \$25.



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.

➔To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, for those who are homebound, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>