



Our Lady of Perpetual Help-St. Catharine **BULLETIN**

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | December 20, 2020



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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 4 PM (*St. Catharine*)
5 PM (*OLPH*)

Sunday 8 AM (*OLPH*)
10 AM (*OLPH*)
10 AM (*St. Catharine*)
12 PM (*OLPH*)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon–Fri 8 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*St. Catharine*)

Saturday 8 AM (*OLPH*)
9 AM (*St. Catharine*)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3–3:45 PM (*St. Catharine*)
4–4:45 PM (*OLPH*)
And by appointment

BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday 1:00 PM (*OLPH*)
Please call office to schedule

1st Saturday 12 PM (*St. Catharine*)
Please call office to schedule

MARRIAGE

*6 Month Planning Period Please
Call office to schedule*

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

This Christmas will be a departure from the holiday celebrations that we have known in years past. In many ways, things have had to be toned down, not only because of health and safety concerns but also reflecting the anxiety that people are feeling. It is difficult to celebrate when we are being asked to sacrifice.

I read an article recently that picked up on this theme but projected a different view entirely. While it may be easy for us to list all the restrictions and limitations we are being asked to live with, the fact is that it in no way compares to past struggles in our own country; when the nation was gripped in the height of world wars, when the Great Depression brought not only limited supplies but a rationing of daily items like bread, milk, meat and other staples of life.

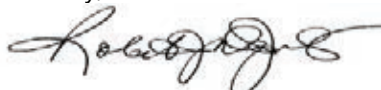
People lived with limited electricity and gasoline and made do with what they had because they knew replacements were not going to be easily found. Members of the military were away from family and friends for long periods of time and the mail was the only method of communication. They missed holidays, weddings, births and even funerals. No internet, no phones, no facetime to heal the pain of distance.

As we rejoice in the sense of hope that Christmas brings, we do well to rather count our blessings and not our losses, to celebrate our privileges and not our restrictions, to re-prioritize the important things in life and eliminate the trivial.

There is no doubt that each of us struggles in our own way to cope with the present situation, but our faith tells us that the Messiah born on Christmas is the fulfillment of God's promise never to abandon us.

May we as a parish faith community work to support and sustain one another and may the Prince of Peace abide in our hearts and homes.

Sincerely,



Rev. Robert J. DeJulio,
Pastor

Mass Intentions

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

8 AM - Dr. Charles Rizzo
9 AM - The Ingram & Deenihan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

8 AM - Domenica LaSpisa
9 AM - Richard Chianese

WEDNESDAY, December 23

8 AM - Mary Sheridan
9 AM - John Patrick Cermanski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

8 AM - Kathleen Hynes Cioppa,
John Hynes & John Cioppa
9 AM - Edward Miller &
Carmen & Victor Acuna

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

8 AM - Christmas Flower Donors

ST. CATHARINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

9AM - Gabriel Moreira

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9 AM - Connie DiPietro

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9 AM - The Hogan & Hearle Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

9 AM - Ryan Coleman

SATURDAY, December 26

9 AM - Christmas Flower Donors

Flower Donation

Thanks to the Ingrao Family for the Flower Donation at St. Catharine.

Parish Announcements

Televised Christmas Mass

Although you may not be able to be physically present for Mass on Christmas here are some alternatives to view at home:

Live stream at saintpatriccathedral.org

Christmas Eve 5:30PM-Family Mass
Midnight Mass from the Cathedral will also, air at midnight on WPIX channel 11

Christmas Day
7:00AM WOR channel 9 - presented by the Passionists

9:00AM WLNY channel 10/55 - presented by the Passionists

Catholic Faith Network
11:00AM & 7:00PM
Optimum channel 29/137
Verizon channel 296

Christmas Confessions

December 21st is Reconciliation Monday.

Priests will be available

4:00 - 5:00PM OLPH

5:00 - 7:00PM St. Catharine

7:00 - 8:00PM OLPH

There are no confessions in Christmas eve.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Reservations for limited seating at Christmas Mass are **REQUIRED**. Please check the parish website at olp-stcatharine.org to see if there are any remaining tickets. Only those with reservations/tickets can be admitted. The only Mass without reservations is the 8:00AM Mass at OLPH Christmas morning.

January 1st. Holyday

The new year begins with the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation. Mass at OLPH at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM. Mass at St. Catharine will be at 9:00AM.

Bereavement Mass

The 10AM Mass on January 1st will be offered for those relatives, friends and parishioners who have died in 2020.

Silent Christmas Boutique

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this year's online effort. I know many of us missed the excitement of an actual in person event, but that will resume next year. The chairpersons of this event Cindy Courtien, Irene Englisch and Therese Biskup did an outstanding job in organizing this project and they were assisted by the Knights of Columbus who delivered thank you ornaments.



Are you new to the parish?

WELCOME!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help-St. Catharine is a Catholic Parish located in the town of Pelham, New York.

We invite you to make our parish your spiritual home.

Visit our webpage: olp-stcatharine.org for more information or to register, or simply call the parish office 914-738-1449.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving God,

Into our fragile and yet remarkable world, we ask that you pour an abundance of healing and mercy this Christmastime.

Your people yearn to see your face and hunger for your Peace, Lord Jesus. Seeing our need, may the radiance of your love overwhelm our darkness and let us share in the new life that you offer so freely to us.

In this Year of Faith, we entrust all our needs to you who know them far better than we do.

You live and reign forever and ever. Amen



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