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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH | December 27, 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:

It is often said about families that the best thing in the world is to see them coming in through the door on arrival and the second-best thing is to see the taillights of their car as they leave. In the midst of the Christmas holiday celebrations does that reflect some of your thoughts? If it does you are probably not alone.

When God decided that He was going to send His Son into the world I'd like to think that He had any number of options...because He is God. If He wanted Him to be a powerful person, He could have made Him the head of a country. If He wanted Him to be a fierce warrior, He could have made Him the leader of a mighty army. If He wanted Him to be financially secure and independent, He could have set him up with unlimited amounts of gold and other resources. If He wanted Him to be an expert in the law, He could have seen that He studied under the local Scribes and Pharisees. But God being God, He did none of that...He chose to bring forth His Son into a human family. What does that tell us about the importance and value of family life in God's estimation?

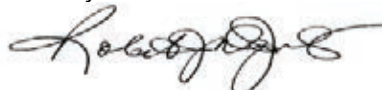
To all appearances the family that Jesus was born into would have been what we might call a typical family of the day. They had modest means, were devout in their practice of the faith, had extended family relationships and knew the value of manual labor and hard work. By putting Jesus into this type of situation God is saying that these situations and relationships have the potential to bring forth holiness and sanctity. All the right ingredients are there, they just have to be combined in the right measurements.

Social science often is quick to blame most of a person's faults as an adult as a direct or indirect consequence of what that person experienced growing up. A measure of that may be true but to some extent it casts an individual as a 'victim' of the circumstances of birth. The challenge of life is to try to rise above our experiences and to use them to gain a better understanding of what life offers us. We learn not only from the success of life but from the failures as well.

Families provide a wonderful inter-generational sense of tradition and legacy; the older members telling the younger members of what life was like and the younger members reaching out to embrace how they can build upon those traditions.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family let us remember that family is the place in which we first learn about God and initially develop a sense of prayer and it is this particular role of the family that sets us on the path to holiness.

Sincerely,



Rev. Robert J. DeJulio,
Pastor

Mass Intentions

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

8 AM - Mary Sheridan

9 AM - Aida & Carmine Mattioli

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8 AM - Robert Rios

9 AM - Joan E. Altobelli

WEDNESDAY, December 30

8 AM - Edward Schaffer

9 AM - Raymond Linares

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8 AM - Maurice & Nora Fitzgerald

9 AM - John Pennetta III

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

8 AM - Solemnity of Mary

10AM- Deceased of 2020

12AM- Solemnity of Mary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8 AM - Vinzenz Genius

ST. CATHARINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

9AM - Edward Neglia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

9 AM - Alfonso Migliarini

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9 AM - Frank Seymour

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

9 AM - John L. Davis

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

9 AM - Deceased of 2020

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

9 AM - Angelo Pozzuto

Parish Announcements

Thank You

A special word of thanks and appreciation to those who make the Christmas season so wonderful.

- Our Music Director, Dr. Joseph Schippa, Organist, Felipe Giraldo, Cantor Valeria Girardi, and St. Catharine's Music Director, John Domenick III.
- Mr. Gabriel Gomez and Mr. Robert Thompson, our maintenance men who prepared and cleaned the Church grounds.
- The Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers.
- The Colangelo Brothers for the large wreaths in memory of their parents, Tony and Mary Colangelo.
- To the organizers Lorri Gorman, Mary Henson, Jessica Hynes, and participants of our Parish Giving Tree for a job well done. Gift Cards were sent to Walter Reed Hospital and a large number of gifts were sent to needy families.
- Clive Anderson of Pelham Funeral Home for the Church calendars.

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

We begin our new year by remembering those who have died in 2020. The 10AM Mass at OLPH and the 9AM Mass at St. Catharine will be offered for them and their families.

Virtual Bible Study

Our next Bible Study Program will start on Thursday, January 7th at 7:00PM on Zoom. The program will run bi-weekly and registration is required. Please call the office at 738-1449 to register. All are welcome!

Parish Giving

Electronic donations are simple, secure, and convenient. Just log in to olph-stcatharine.org and click the ParishGiving logo and follow the easy registration steps. You can choose date and frequency of donations and a choice of credit card or bank transfer contributions for the year.

Feed the Hungry

It is getting chilly outside and HOPE Community Services needs your continued help to feed the hungry. All non-perishable goods are welcomed. Please place your donations in the back of the church next Sunday. Thank you!

Monthly Collection

November	2019	2020 (5 Sundays)
OLPH	\$36,663	\$34,036
St. Catharine	\$15,211	\$16,800

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, Jan 5t @ 7:00PM. This year, the biweekly meeting will be held virtually-via phone. Simply call 1-720-740-9707 and enter the access code 2990487#. You will be asked to state your name, and then will be connected. All are welcome!



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

WE COMMEND TO THE LORD OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WERE BURIED FROM OUR PARISH DURING 2020*

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Anne Patricia Reyna
Anthony Russillo
Antoinette Villamagna
Carmela Starile
Carmelo Morales
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Constance Abamonte
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Elizabeth Barbieri
Evelyn Cassone
Giancarla Anzilotti
Gilda DiMarco
Gloria Bombace
Gloria Portella
Gregory C. Croston
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Jean DelGrosso
Jeanne O'Malley Hertzog
JoAnn DiDonato
John Girardi
John Pennetta III
John Purpura
Joseph Conca
June Linden
Karen Poinelli
Liam Gurl
Lucille F. Telesco

Lynn Edward Foristall
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Margaret DeLucia
Marie Mayers
Marilyn Pirtchard Lamb
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Mary Catherine Boyle
Mary Chiappa
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Mayde Henningsen
Nicholas Joseph DeLillo
Patricia Amann
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Rita Porzio
Robert Rios
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Rosalie Ann DeLillo
Rosemarie Fumo
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Santa Lucia Cabodevilla
Valerie Fraioli
Vincent Caroprese
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