

Our Lady of Perpetual Help-St. Catharine

BULLETIN

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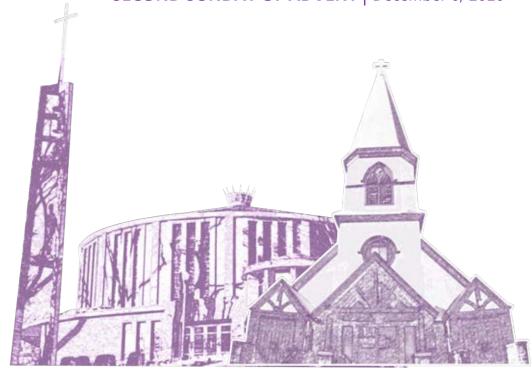
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | December 6, 2020



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:

The second Sunday of Advent is a time for us to focus in on the role of Mary in the whole story of the incarnation. Mary is a pivotal figure in how this story comes about and without her willingness to accept God's will for her, things would have been much different.

This coming Tuesday is the Patronal Feast of our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This feast acknowledges that Mary from the time she was conceived by her mother St. Anne was without sin. It is an important doctrine of our faith to understand. If Mary had been born with original sin then it would not have been possible for her to bear a child who was without sin, Jesus. The plan of salvation begins to unfold long before the birth of Jesus on Christmas. Mary's embracing of the call of God to bear His Son is the next step and ultimately Jesus' death and resurrection accomplish the fullness of God's plan for us.

To understand the power of what Mary agrees to do it is important for us to remember that she lived in a society where women had no rights at all. They were not supposed to even speak publicly and could only be in the company of a man if it was her husband. The fact that someone who was raised in this tradition would have the courage to say "yes" to God's message delivered to her by an angel is in and of itself outstanding.

The path that Mary agreed to follow was probably not her idea of how she was going to live her life. She most likely had her own dreams and plans as any young person would have. Her courage in putting those plans aside and saying 'yes' is what makes her an extraordinary role model for us today. Think about how so much of our lives are planned and scheduled. Children are very often given a set of expectations from their parents so that they will be able to go to a specific school or become part of a specific profession. Sometimes it almost seems as if there is no real opportunity for spontaneity to occur.

As we honor Mary during the Advent season we do so with the understanding that she was a courageous young woman of faith who relied on her God to act in such a way that would only be in her best interest.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert J. DeJulio,

Pastor

Mass Intentions

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

8 AM - John Como

9 AM - Hazel B. Alexander

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 AM - Tony Barsanti

9 AM - Thomas Boyle

WEDNESDAY, December 9

8 AM - Frank Giordano

9 AM - Albert & Helen Anzalone

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8 AM - Frank Bargiona

9 AM - Paolo Forte

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8 AM - Anunciacao Freitas

9 AM - John Fottilotto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

8 AM - Theresa Giordano

ST. CATHARINE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

9AM - Eleanor Frezzo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9 AM - Valorie Fraioli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

9 AM - Julio Alarcon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9 AM - Mary A. Allen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

9 AM - John L. Davis

SATURDAY, December 12

9 AM -William J. McCarren

Parish Announcements

The Christmas Spirit At OLPH-St. Catharine

Due to COVID-19 our Giving Tree is going online. You will find more information in ways to donate by scrolling down this bulletin and in the back of the church. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Silent Christmas Boutique

We will not be able to hold our typical event this year, although financial needs continue. In lieu of our regular function, we are holding the Silent Christmas Boutique, a donation-based fundraiser. More information in the fourth page of this bulletin.

Next Weekend

As the median age of women and men in religious communities continues to rise the need to care for retired members rises as well, these people who have spent their life in service to the Lord and the church seek our help. Next weekend's second collection will offer them so much needed assistance and offer us an opportunity to say thank you for a life well lived.

Christmas Mass Schedule

The schedule has not been finalized as we are waiting for capacity updates from the state and the Archdiocese. We will send out the information as soon as possible. There will be a limit on attendance and <u>online reservations will be required</u>. Please do not call the church office at this time.

Holyday of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is the patron feast of the United States. Mass at OLPH will be at 8AM & 9AM, and 7PM, and at St. Catharine at 9AM.

To Feed the Hungry

Our town had a goal of 900 boxes for Thanksgiving-In-A-Box with a hope for 1000. The final tally was just shy of 1200. What a great show of support to those in need! The Thanksgiving Day collection was \$350 and was sent to HOPE.

HOPE Soup Kitchen

St. Catharine's next HOPE meal is on Wednesday, December 16th. Food should be brought to the Parish Center by noon on that day. Our menu is beef franks and buns, baked beans, Cole slaw, and sugar cookies.

Since HOPE Soup Kitchen is closed on Christmas Day OLPH will not be participating this month. However, we encourage you to participate with St. Catharine on December 16th.

If you would like to help, but are unable to get to the store, DeCicco's in Pelham is helping us by preparing and delivering the food. Simply contact Brittany Arocho at brittanya@deciccos.com or 914-775-8880. Thank you for your support!

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 15th @ 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-steatharine.org for more information or to register, or simply call the parish office 914-738-1449.



We will not be able to hold our typical event this year, although our parish's financial needs continue. In lieu of our regular function, we are holding the **Silent Christmas Boutique**, a donation-based fundraiser.

Every family that donates to the **Silent Christmas Boutique** will receive a Guardian Angel Christmas ornament. Let it remind you of the strength of our parish community and the hope that we will be together again soon.

Please select from the tiers below or choose your own amount:

Bell: \$100

Star: \$250

Shepherd: \$500

Wiseman: \$1,000

Angel: Other amount



There are three ways to participate: (1) Click here to donate electronically, (2) mail your check to OLPH, 559 Pelham Manor Road, Pelham Manor, N.Y. 10803 or (3) drop your donation in the collection basket at Mass.

Thank you again for all you do to make OLPH-St. Catharine a strong parish. We wish you and your family good health in 2021 and look forward to seeing you in person at next year's Christmas Boutique & Wreath Sale.

Cindy Courtien, Irene Englisch and Therese Biskup 2020 Boutique Chairs

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT OLPH-ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

It is that time of year again, time for us to work together to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families.

In this year of a global pandemic, there is an unprecedented number of families in need of some assistance. Your kindness and generosity will be most welcome!

We have gathered wish lists from the following organizations:

Hope Community Services

a Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle To view the wish list on <u>A</u>mazon, click <u>here</u>.

or

Line up the following image with your smart phone camera, tap on blue icon in the upper right corner of your screen.



View wish list. Click on 3 dots in upper right corner of item box to see the quantity requested and how many are still needed.

Purchase desired item. (NOTE – if price exceeds \$25-\$30, find a comparable item to purchase)

Gifts should be mailed in time for delivery no later than **December 14th** to Hope Community Services, 50 Washington Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10803

Veterans

recovering at Walter Reed Medical Center or receiving assistance from the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System food pantry. They are in need of gift cards to Target, Amazon or Costco.

These gift cards, in \$20 increments, can be returned no later than **December 14th** to OLPH or St. Catharine Church by mail or in the collection basket.

Catholic Charities

Vicariate of South Shore of Westchester, representing needy families from parishes across Southern Westchester. To view the wish list on Amazon for each of the following families, click on the related link below.

-view wish list and purchase desired item, schedule for delivery no later than December 14th. (NOTE – if price exceeds \$25-\$30, find a comparable item to purchase)

-select "add gift options", include family reference number in Gift Message
-select or enter the following shipping address:
Catholic Charities Community Services
204 Hawthorne Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10705-1018

Family B292531: The father of this tight-knit family lost his job in March 2020 and has been supporting his family with his limited unemployment income. He has been very thankful to Catholic Charities for their help feeding his family. Any help in providing a special Christmas for his family would be most welcome. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Saul – father age 47 Lesly – mother age 42 Kerry – daughter age 18 Edgardo - son age 12 Gael -daughter age 3

Family B300134: The father of this beautiful family is a day laborer who lost his job when the pandemic hit. For many months, they relied on Catholic Charities for help in paying rent and buying food. Recently, William was thankful to return to work, but his hours have been sharply reduced which makes it hard to cover basic living expenses. These parents would be so happy to hand out gifts to their three young children this Christmas. To help this family, click Here. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



William – father age 34 Elvia – mother age 35 Ashley – daughter age 10 Dylan – son age 4 Scarlette – daughter age 3

Family B344717: As a result of the pandemic, both parents had their work hours drastically reduced, which made providing for their family extremely challenging. They were very grateful to Catholic Charities for help buying food and would certainly appreciate any new winter clothing and bedding this Christmas season. To help this family, click **Here.** Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Miguel – father age 52 Julia – mother age 47 Jonathan – son age 23 Christian – son age 15 Shayla – daughter age 8 Bryan – son age 6

Family B354708: This family of four suffered this year when the father and sole provider lost his job during the pandemic. Luckily, they were able to get some help from Catholic Charities to pay for food. While he has since returned to work, the father is still catching up on bills. This family would benefit so much from any donations this Christmas season. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Felix – father age 31 Celina – mother age 25 Kelvin – son age 9 Angelique – daughter age 2

Family B358309: This resilient single mother of two sons lost her housekeeping job during the pandemic. She has been taking advantage of all local food distributions and community resources, but still has had difficulty affording her basic expenses. She would be thrilled and grateful for any support from our annual gift drive. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Gelyn – mother age 26 Dylan – son age 3 Thiago – son age 2

Family B360133: This single mom provides for her four children and nephew in the best way she can, considering her extremely limited resources. She lost her job in March, due to the pandemic, and would be grateful for any assistance with winter clothing and household items this Christmas. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Maria - 36 yrs. old mother Lesly - 18 yrs. old daughter Yhordy - 13 yrs. old son Allison - 10 yrs. old daughter Uriel - 7 yrs. old son Steffany - 4 yrs. old daughter

Family B377884: This single mother lost her job due to Covid. She recently found a new job at a restaurant, but her hours are limited because they are not serving many customers. She does not give up and continues to try to find other jobs to supplement her income. Despite the many challenges of raising teenagers and a baby on her own, this hard working and dedicated mother keeps hoping that she and her children will face better days ahead. Your support would surely make this a special Christmas for her and her children. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Veronica – 43 yrs. old mother Joseph – 15 yrs. old son Aaron – 14 yrs. old son Valentina – 6 mos. daughter

Family B382267: This single mother of two was affected greatly by Covid and was out of work for months without any source of income. Recently, Vilma started working again. She works cleaning, cooking, and at any other job that is available to her. Although Covid hurt her family through sickness and loss of income, Vilma has kept her faith that her situation will improve. Your help in making this a joyful Christmas for this family would be a tremendous blessing. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Vilma − 43 − yrs. old mother Hellin − 19 yrs. old daughter Maryorie − 4 ½ yrs. old daughter

Family B384801: This humble single grandmother works very hard to help raise her 9-year -old granddaughter and endeavors to help her adult daughter who just gave birth to a baby girl the first week of October. While she is working again, Covid caused this grandmother to be without work for many months and severely stressed her finances. Despite a difficult year that brought sickness and loss of employment, this wonderful grandmother keeps a smile on her face and a positive attitude. It would be wonderful if the joy and spirit of Christmas could be extended to this family through the Giving Tree gift drive. To help this family, click **Here.** Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Yolanda — 51 yrs. old grandmother Katti — 34 yrs. old mother Elizabeth — 9 yrs. old daughter Francheska Luna - Newborn daughter

Family B385859: This single mother of three young boys is trying hard to make ends meet after her boyfriend left her. She is working part time while caring for her two-year-old son, who is too young for school. This young mom would be so happy for help putting smiles on her boys' faces on Christmas morning. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Wendy – mother age 32 Justin – son age 12 Jaden – son age 6 Jeremy – son age 2

Family M268527: Patricia is a single 37 yrs.old mother of two girls, Juliana age 17 and Giovanna age 7. Patricia lost her job because of the Covid public health crisis. She also does not receive child support from the children's absentee father and is really struggling to make ends meet. She would be incredibly grateful for help in adding some joy for her family this Christmas. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Patricia – mother age 37 Juliana – daughter age 17 Giovanna – daughter age 7

Family M332649: This single mother of three young boys was working full-time at a local restaurant until she lost her job due to covid. Returning to work has been difficult as she needs to spend a great deal of time with her special needs child while he is attending school remotely. Catholic Charities was able to help this family with four months of rental arrears and to enroll in a food stamps program. This family would be most grateful for any assistance at this time. To help this family, click Here. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Christine – mother age 58 Christian – son age 15 Jeremy – son age 14 Jaydin – son age 11

Family PC373901: Tania's husband sadly passed away in April due to Covid. Tania also tested positive, but fortunately recovered. At the same time, Tania was laid off from her job due to the pandemic. Since then, this brave mother has been struggling to survive by borrowing money from some friends to pay for rent, food and basic expenses. She has been actively seeking employment. Unfortunately, this family is not eligible for any social benefits to help alleviate the acute financial and emotional crisis they are experiencing. Currently, they rely mostly on food pantries and food distributions in their area to put food on their table. This family would be so thankful for assistance from our annual gift drive. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Tania – mother age 36 Adolfo – son age 12 George – son age 2

Family PC379246: Since late March, both mother and father were laid off from their jobs due to the pandemic. They have been struggling trying to pay for rent, food, and basic expenses. One son suffers from diabetes which requires a special diet that this family cannot afford. Unfortunately, they are not eligible for any social entitlement benefits to alleviate the acute financial crisis they are experiencing due to Covid. Currently, they rely on food pantries and food distributions in their area to put food on their table for their children. This family would be so grateful to receive any help during this difficult time. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Pedro – father age 42 Dhariana – mother age 38 Pedro Jr – son age 12 Lisandro – son age 10 Diana – daughter age 8

Family PC379863: Araceli's husband was laid off from his job as a waiter in a local restaurant due to the pandemic. Araceli cannot work due to a medical condition. They have been struggling to pay for rent, food, prescriptions for Araceli and basic expenses. Unfortunately, they are not eligible for any social benefits that would help alleviate the acute financial crisis they are facing. They currently rely mostly on food pantries and food distributions in their area to put food on their table. Any help from our gift drive would mean a lot to this family at this time. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Marco – father age 55 Araceli – mother age 49 Gloria – daughter age 17 Adalia – daughter age 15 Marco – son age 10

Family PC387010: In April of this year, Sandra's husband was diagnosed with a terminal illness, and at the same time Sandra was laid off from her job due to Covid. Since then, this family has been struggling and trying to survive by borrowing money from a few friends to pay for rent, transportation to and from hospitals, food, and prescriptions. Unfortunately, they are not eligible for any social entitlement benefits to alleviate the acute financial and medical crisis they are experiencing. Currently, they rely mostly on food pantries and food distributions in their area to put food on their table. This family would be extremely grateful to receive any help, especially during this difficult time. To help this family, click **Here**. Or, use your smart phone to access wish list:



Gilberto – father age 55 Sandra – mother age 47 Gilberto Jr. – son age 17 Adela – daughter age 16

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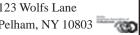
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