Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church August 13, 2023

Pastor's Column - August 13, 2023

I was informed last week that Mary Macauley, the mother of Fr. Thomas, passed away in Africa. We send our prayerful support to Fr. Thomas and his family during this difficult time. Fr. Thomas will be leaving this week to go to Africa to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial and to spend some time with his family. I would like to ask everyone to keep Fr. Thomas in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Our Parish Picnic is coming up quickly. On September 10 we will have our Parish Picnic at Dorchester Park. We will begin the day with Mass at 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church followed by the picnic. The 11:00AM Mass at St. Patrick's will be the only mass in our parish that weekend. Make your plans now to attend this fun event.

In the First Reading this weekend from the Book of Kings, Elijah is told to prepare himself to meet the Lord. Elijah then experiences a great wind, a great earthquake and then a fire. God was not present in these great events. It was only in the quiet, gentle breeze that Elijah recognized God's presence. This teaches us the lesson that God comes to us in the silence and stillness of our lives. May we take some time in quiet to allow ourselves to experience His gentle presence in our lives.

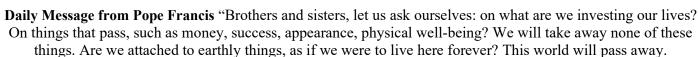
This Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass in our parish on Tuesday at 6:00PM in St. Stephen's Church in Marathon for this special day. Make your plans now to celebrate this special day.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim







And only love will remain. To base one's life on the Word of God, therefore, is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God." ~Pope Francis Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.



Our parish picnic for all three church locations will be on Sunday, September 10th We will have Mass at 11:00 AM at our Whitney Point Church and then go to Dorchester Park for a wonderful day of good food, fun and fellowship with our church family. CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee will provide the meat, drinks and place settings. Please bring a dish to pass.

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



FARMER'S MARKET-Located in the Rural Services Pavilion on Saturdays from 9AM to 12 Noon, from May through October, our Farmers' Market offers fresh, locally- grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, honey, eggs, maple syrup, and handcrafted items. The Farmers Market accepts New York State Farmer Market Nutrition Program coupons from WIC families and senior citizens. There is no charge for a space and new vendors are always welcome.

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.



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Weekly Collection - Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023: Regular Collection: Envs: \$540. Loose: \$128. Total Reg. Collection: \$668. **Other Income:** Fuel-\$50. Votives-\$39. 50/50-\$17. Bills Paid This Week: \$970. (includes new fuel budget\$695.) Your continued generosity keeps our parish's bill paid in a timely manner, thank you!

Retirement Fund For Religious Collection - Today, August 13th

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. There are extra donation envelopes by our bulletins.

The winner of OLPH's 50/50 for August was won by Sharon Massar. Congratulations! She won \$17.00. 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 a \$1.00 each and drawings are done the first

Sunday of every month during our coffee hour. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish.



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 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.