

Pastor's Column - October 1, 2023

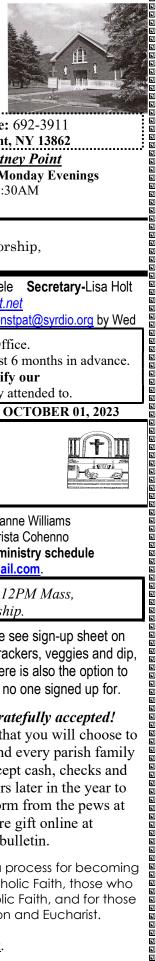
I would like to welcome Fr. Tomas Macauley back to our St. Stephen - St. Patrick Parish Community. It is great to have him here back with us. I hope that he knows that he has been in our thoughts and prayers as he was attending the funeral of his mother. I would also like to thank Fr. Peter Tassini for all his help during the absence of Fr. Thomas. It is always good to see Fr. Peter back here again.

This past week I was attending the annual Clergy Conference for the Diocese of Syracuse. The theme of the conference was on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is good for us to reflect upon this great gift that God has given to His Church. It is important for us to realize that in this sacrament we encounter a loving and merciful God. That is the focus of this sacrament. When was the last time you met our Lord Jesus in this special way. The sacrament of Penance is offered every Monday evening before and after our 6:00 Mass. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



Cincinnatus, New York

Rev. James P. Serowik, Pastor

OLPH's Seton Hall: 863-4750 Whitney Point Parish Office: 692-3911 P.O. Box 310, Cincinnatus, NY 13040 P.O. Box 711, Whitney Point, NY 13862

Whitney Point **OLPH** Marathon No Mass No Mass 6:00PM Monday Evenings Weekday Mass: 12:00PM 10:15AM Sunday Masses: 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, Icrowley@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.



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 10/01/23 12:00PM for James Drury by Jean Drury for **Nora Hain** by Jean Drury Sunday, 10/08/23 12:00PM for James Drury by Jean Drury

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Gift Bearers: Jean Drury, Jeanne Williams Lector: Chris Klein **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Holt, Pam Maroney Next Sunday: Pam Maroney Next Sunday: Krys Getz, Krista Cohenno Next Sunday: Linda Crowley, Jean Drury Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector be on the ministry schedule

contact Betty Carter at chopwood2@hotmail.com.



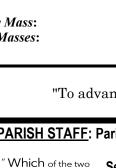
OLPH's Coffee Hour –Everyone please join us every Sunday in Seton Hall, following 12PM Mass, for some coffee or something cold to drink with some snacks and good fellowship.

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.

2023 Hope Appeal You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith! All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted! \$1 - \$5 - \$25 - \$40 - \$75 - \$100 - \$500 Each gift brings us closer to our goal! It is our HOPE that you will choose to participate in the Annual Diocesan HOPE Appeal Campaign. With the participation of each and every parish family we should be able to meet our parish assessment of \$2,530. We make it easy for you. We accept cash, checks and even credit cards. No cash now? You can make a pledge. The diocese will send you reminders later in the year to make payments. Simply fill out the form that you will be receiving in the mail or fill out a form from the pews at church and return them via the collection basket or by mail. You may also make a secure gift online at www.syrdio.org. Thank you to those who have pledged. Figures will be in next bulletin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is a process for becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It is for those who are seeking Baptism in the Catholic Faith, those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and now seek to be a member of the Catholic Faith, and for those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

There will be an RCIA MEETING on Tuesday, OCTOBER 3rd^h 6:30PM at our Whitney Point Church, with our RCIA Director, Kathy Cusick,



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his father?"



▶Thank you Ellie Auburger for the beautiful flowers donated throughout the summer for OLPH's altar!

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.



▶To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, you can now use https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick

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.



Rural Services' Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Their biggest demand is for <u>peanut</u> <u>butter & jelly</u> and <u>pasta & sauce</u>. 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.

<u>Weekly Collection – Last Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023</u>: <u>Regular Collection</u>: Envs: \$235. Loose: \$63. Total Reg.: \$298. Other Income: Fuel-\$15. Bills Paid This Week: \$373.67 *Thank you for your treasure, time and talent to our parish!*

Respect Life Sunday today, October 1st, is the collection for Respect Life, which helps fund programming and resources for the diocesan offices of Respect Life Ministry, Social Action Ministry, Public Policy, and Disabilities Ministry. Please place your Respect Life envelope donation in with the regular collection. Olph's Respect Life envelopes are dated for October 8th, we'll collect both Sundays for it.

October is Respect Life month.

Formation for Ministry presents PROJECT COMPASSION with Fr. Charles Vavonese and Dr. Paul Fiacco on Saturday, October 21st, from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Christ The King Church, Liverpool.

Workshop highlights Project Compassion, an initiative to provide support and resources to those who administer to individuals and families coping with serious illness, end of life moral and medical issues, grieving and loss.

- ⇒Fr. Vavonese, Director of Project Compassion, will review basic skills needed for pastoral care visits.
- ⇒ Dr. Fiacco, Medical Director of Project Compassion, will give an overview of resources available on the Project Compassion website Cost: \$35.00/individual not enrolled in Formation for Ministry. \$90.00 for parish teams of three or more. Lunch will be served. Deadline to register is October 13th and if you are interested in going please call our parish office before registering so if we get 3 or more we can register together for discounted rate and carpool.

Save the Date! The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission invites all women to join them at the Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 11 at the OnCenter in Syracuse starting at 7:30 AM. The theme this year "Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done: Preparing for His Eucharistic Reign."

The event will include 3 renowned speakers, Mass with Bishop Lucia, confession, the rosary, Brown Scapular enrollment, Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and shopping. Cost is \$55 and includes plated lunch and refreshments. Bus transportation information will be forthcoming. Registration and more details can be found at www.syracusecatholicwomen.org/conference.

Table of 10 form gets discount and you can sit with your fellow parishioners.

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 <u>small blue form</u> by the bulletins & drop it in collection basket.



Intentions of the Sick at OLPH-If you know someone that may be ill, facing surgery, etc., you can write down that person's name in the *Intentions of the Sick* book on small podium, as you come into church, and the book will be brought up to the altar and mentioned to pray for those written in book during the Intercessory Prayers.

On the podium with the *Intentions of the Sick* book there may be a card for one of our church family members, such as a Get Well card. If you are interested in being a signer to whatever card may be there, please always check when you come in to see if there is a card and if you would like to sign it. If you know one of our parishioners that isn't well please call the Parish Office at 692-3911 or see Pam Maroney. Please take note: If you arrive to Mass and the podium with the *Intentions Of The Sick* book and any get well cards, etc. has been taken away for Mass, please check for it on your way out, at the entrance of church, if you want to see if there were any cards you would like to sign.