

Pastor's Column - October 15, 2023

The Readings from Scripture this weekend speak to us about the banquet feast. Isaiah tells us about the heavenly feast where God will take care of His People. On that day, the Lord will destroy death forever. Isaiah paints the picture of God providing a great feast of all the best foods and choicest wines. God is truly providing for His People in Isaiah's vision. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the story about a man who had a banquet for His son and invited everyone. Many people had different excuses why they could not attend, but then all are invited and the hall is filled with guests. These readings speak to us about Eucharist. It is here that God provides a feast for His People. It is here that God speaks to us and we are nourished to go forth and be His witnesses in the world. It is here that we are changed into the Body of Christ for the world. Let us take some time this week to reflect upon this great gift that the Lord has given to us.

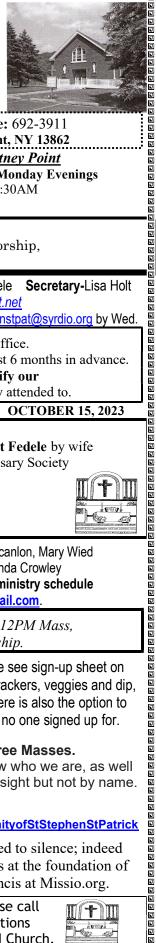
Bishop Lucia will be with our Parish Family on October 29. He will be presiding at all three weekend Masses that weekend. This promises to be a special day for our parish family.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



Cincinnatus, New York Rev. James P. Serowik, Pastor

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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, 10/15/23 12:00PM Prayers for a successful surgery for Pat Fedele by wife

for Mary Macauley by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society

for James Drury by Jean Drury for Nora Hain by Jean Drury

Sunday, 10/22/23 12:00PM for James Drury by Jean Drury

for Nora Hain by Jean Drury

Lector: Sharon Constantino Next Sunday: Hugh Cook

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Carter, Sue DeMonte Next Sunday: Lisa Holt, Sharon Constantino

Gift Bearers: Evelyn Scanlon, Mary Wied Next Sunday: Bob & Linda Crowley

Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector be on the ministry schedule

contact Betty Carter at contact Betty Carter at contact Betty Carter at chopwood2@hotmail.com/contact-betty.



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.

Bishop Douglas Lucia will be our Celebrant on Sunday, October 29th, at all three Masses. We will be having Nametag Sunday on the 29th. This will allow the Bishop to know who we are, as well as let the rest of us learning the names of our fellow parishioners whom we know by sight but not by name. Tags will be available for everyone in the entrance of the church.

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

Daily Message from Pope Francis "In a world full of noise, we are no longer accustomed to silence; indeed sometimes we struggle with it, because silence forces us to face God and ourselves. Yet it lies at the foundation of the word and of life." ~Pope Francis **Note:** Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.

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.



2023 Hope Appeal You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith! All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted!

The HOPE Appeal provides support for the immediate needs across the Diocese of Syracuse. Did you know your donation helps to support Campus Ministry Programs, Catechesis, Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools,

Catholic Sun and Catholic TV? All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted! Simply fill out the form that you received 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 all those who have already donated!

2023 Assessment: \$ 2,530.00 Pledges To Date: \$ 1,010.00 (5 pledges) Balance Remaining: \$ 1,520.00

→Out of our 65 registered parishioners of OLPH there are only 5 pledges, if the rest of us would just donate any amount we would be closer to our goal and not reached by the same few parishioners.

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.



<u>Weekly Collection - Last Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023</u>: <u>Regular Collection</u>: Envs: \$168.76 Loose: \$70. Total Reg.: \$238.76 Diocesan Collections: RespLife-\$65.61 Other Income: Fuel-\$5. Votives-\$39. <u>Bills Paid This Week: \$770.00</u>

Your continued generosity keeps our parish's bill paid in a timely manner; thank you!

World Mission Sunday - Next Sunday, October 22nd, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and expend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection.

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.

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.

Today, October 15th is also the celebration of the St. Teresa of Avila's feast day.

St. Teresa was known for her spiritual writings and poetry.

One of the most famous pieces speaks to us about our call. How does this speak to you? How are you being called into the body of Christ? How is Jesus inviting you?

In today's parable of the wedding banquet, Jesus is giving us insight into history and to the future. The king (God) is holding a wedding feast for his son (Jesus). The servants (prophets and ministers of God) go out and invite guests. But these guests mistreat the servants. This is a condemnation of how Israel, and the Jewish leadership in particular, treated God's messengers. So next the king sends out his servants to invite everyone, good or bad, to the feast. This is an indication that we are all invited, regardless of our "worthiness". But then something disturbing happens. One of the guests is under dressed for the feast. He is thrown out of the banquet.

This can seem unfair, especially since this guest was invited off of the street. He probably wasn't expecting to go to a wedding. But he was missing something. He was caught unprepared. Young-catholic.com

<u>Newcomers & Current Parishioners:</u> 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.