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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
CHURCH  
FR. JIM SEROWIK  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**Pastor's Column - January 14, 2024**

In this weekend's Readings from Sacred Scripture we are given the theme of call. Samuel, in the first reading was called by God. Andrew and Peter were called by Jesus in today's Gospel. We each are called by our God. We were first called on the day of our baptism. We were called to be "children of God" and to be disciples of our Lord Jesus. We are called to live our lives in relationship with God and His Church. Each of us is called to be a bearer of the Good News of God's love to a dark and hurting world. Let us take some time this week to reflect upon the call of God in our lives and to respond to it, by living faith-filled lives.

This Monday we celebrate the Federal Holiday of the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is a time for us to reflect upon his life and to renew our commitment to racial equality in the world. Let us take some time to recommit ourselves to working for a world where all people are respected and treated as equals.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

Fr. Jim



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



Cincinnati, New York

Rev. James P. Serowik, Pastor

OLPH's Seton Hall: 863-4750  
P.O. Box 310, Cincinnati, NY 13040

Whitney Point Parish Office: 692-3911  
P.O. Box 711, Whitney Point, NY 13862

	<u>OLPH</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Whitney Point</u>
Weekday Mass:	No Mass	No Mass	6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays
Sunday Masses:	12:00PM	10:15AM	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, [lcrowley@zfastest.net](mailto:lcrowley@zfastest.net)  
Secretary-Mary Wied-For bulletin announcements please call 692-3911 or [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org) by Wed.



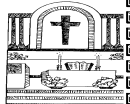
**Baptisms** – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office.  
**Weddings** – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office at least 6 months in advance.  
**Sick/Infirm**–If you have someone who is sick or in the hospital, please **notify our Pastoral Care Lay Minister**, Linda, so they can be pastorally attended to.

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### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 01/14/24 12:00PM for Frank & Mary Zelsnack by Paul & Lyudmila Zelsnack  
Next Sunday, 01/21/24 12:00PM for Ma. Charito San Juan by Jean & Katrina Drury



Lector: Hugh Cook Eucharistic Minister: Jean Drury, Pam Maroney Gift Bearers: Bob & Linda Crowley  
Next Sunday: Linda Crowley Next Sunday: Betty Carter, Sue DeMonte Next Sunday: Jean Drury, Jeanne Williams  
Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector contact Betty Carter at [chopwood2@hotmail.com](mailto: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

### Potluck Dinner



Instead of our Epiphany dinner which we had to cancel due to weather, we will hold a Winter Potluck Dinner after our 12:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, in Seton Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. The church will provide a ham. Everyone is welcome!

**Daily Message from Pope Francis** "The Mother's silence is a beautiful feature. It is not a simple absence of words, but a silence filled with wonder and adoration for the wonders that God is working.

"Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart", Saint Luke notes. (2:19). In this way she makes room within herself for the One who was born; in silence and adoration, she places Jesus at the center and bears witness to Him as Savior." ~Pope Francis **Note:** Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at [Missio.org](http://Missio.org).

**Parish Mission** - The **Cyrenian Apostolate** will be leading our parish in a one night mission on spiritual poverty and the art of accompaniment on **Thursday, January 25th at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Endicott**. Reception to follow in church hall. This mission will feature Father Jason Hage (diocesan Director of Vocation Promotion as well as the founder of the Cyrenian Apostolate) as the keynote speaker and Jeremy Bobak as the worship leader. Other members of their apostolate will also be available at these missions for intercessory prayer ministry for the lay faithful who participate. These parish missions will be incredibly impactful for anyone who attends. **For more information visit:** [www.thecyrenianway.org](http://www.thecyrenianway.org) Here is a video to watch to learn more: <https://youtu.be/RT9rc0lomA8?si=DJ8LqrsMHfiDMEQ> <https://www.facebook.com/thecyrenianway>

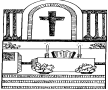
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Prayer Chain** - If you know of someone in need of special prayers and would like them listed on OLPH's Prayer Chain or if you're not on our prayer chain list of calls and would like to be, please contact Betty Carter at 607-863-3163 or email: [chopwood2@hotmail.com](mailto:chopwood2@hotmail.com).



**Newcomers & Current Parishioners:** WELCOME! If you would like to 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.



Dear Catholic Community members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,  
Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmastime with the gift of a lovely poinsettia and yearly calendar. My Best Wishes to each and every member for a happy, healthy New Year. In God's Name, Linda Hayden

 **Mass Intentions**-If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our office 507-692-3911 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.

**Congratulations to Mike Kemak for winning OLPH's 50/50 for January! He won \$14.00.**

**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 \$1.00 each before Mass.

If you are interested and able please call the parish office, 692-3911, or see Hugh Cook at Mass.



**Last Sunday, January 7, 2024: Envs: \$90. Loose: \$25. .... Total Regular Collection: \$115.**

**Other Income:** Christmas-\$10. Solemnity of Mary-\$15. Fuel-\$40. Votives-\$42. 50/50-\$14.  
Rental Donation-\$600. (WIC-annual) **Bills Paid This Week: \$394.67**

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



**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.**



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

**This week we enter Ordinary Time.** The readings ask us to listen for God's call, which may come to us in different ways, It is our response to abide in that calling that changes our lives. We first hear from the book of Samuel, in which Samuel is called by God several times, but does not recognize God's calling until Eli helps him and guides him to respond. Once Samuel places his trust and love in God, Samuel grows up and lives his whole life with his ears attuned to God: "Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect." The Gospel reading provides us with another story of discipleship. Unlike the other three Gospels, John does not depict Jesus calling the first disciples while walking on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Instead, it is John the Baptist who points two of the disciples toward Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God." As with the other Gospels, the disciples follow him. Jesus has not called the disciples, but rather asks them "What are you looking for?" and then invites them to an encounter with him. Throughout John's Gospel the call to discipleship comes through the witness of others. John the Baptist brings Andrew and another to Jesus. Andrew brings his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. Later, Philip brings Nathanael to Jesus. And further into the Gospel of John, the Samaritan woman brings her townspeople to Jesus. **Missionary Discipleship:** Reflecting on our own experience, it is good to consider the person or persons who have been most instrumental in bringing us to Jesus. Now it is time to consider our own role that Jesus call us to in the Great Commissioning - to bring others to Jesus. Who have we brought or are bringing to Jesus. Have you invited others to "come and see" who Jesus is? (from BuildingFaith@Home)

➔ **To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, for those who are homebound, go to:**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>