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# John 3:14-21

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Pastor's Column - March 10, 2024

During March, we are collecting pasta and cereal for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for your food and monetary donations that help to feed those less fortunate in our community. This weekend's Gospel has Jesus telling us that "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that those who believe in Him might have eternal life." Jesus continues that "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might have life through Him." These lines from the Gospel of St. John challenge us to look at our image of who God is. Our God is not an angry, judgmental God, but is a God who truly wants to save us. God's love for us is so great that He freely gave His life for us on the cross. Let's take some time this week to reflect upon that love!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!!! - Fr. Jim

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# 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

Weekday Mass:  
Sunday Masses:

OLPH  
No Mass  
12:00PM

Marathon  
No Mass  
10:15AM

Whitney Point  
6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays  
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.

## FOURTH Sunday in Lent



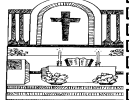
**Baptisms** – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office.  
**Weddings** – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office at least 6 months in advance.  
**Sick/Infirm**–If you have someone who is sick or in the hospital, please **notify our Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Linda**, so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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 03/10/24 12:00PM for Trevor Warner by Claudia Warner  
Next Sunday, 03/17/24 12:00PM for Bob Livermore by Pat & Terri Fedele



Lector: Pam Maroney  
Next Sunday: Sharon Constantino  
Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt, Sharon Constantino  
Next Sunday: Jean Drury, Pam Maroney  
If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector contact Betty Carter at [chopwood2@hotmail.com](mailto:chopwood2@hotmail.com).

Gift Bearers: Hugh & Jackie Cook  
Next Sunday: Joanne Livermore, Pat Rice



**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.

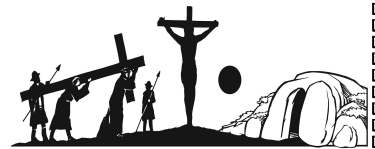


**Increasing Disasters, Increasing Resilience** - Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how - with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours - Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

**Praying the Stations of the Cross** – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

Our next one is March 15th at 3:00 PM. Join us as we commemorate the journey of Jesus Christ to his death and resurrection.

➔ Also, 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon (for the last 3)



STATIONS of the CROSS



Otselic Valley Church Alliance Lenten Program. The next program is Today, March 10, -Cincinnati United Presbyterian Church 4:00 PM  
➔ Next Sunday, ➔ March 17, - Cincinnati OLPH (Catholic) Church 4:00 PM

To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, for those who are homebound, go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>





All are invited to our **EUCCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS)** at 9:00 AM, followed by **LENTEBIBLE STUDY** with Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P. Tuesday, March 12th, 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Whitney Point Church Hall.  
**The Epistle of St. James** - Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.

This Sunday's Gospel, the central theme of darkness and light is quite fitting as we move closer to Easter. The image gives a stark contrast between those who prefer to be in the darkness, submitting themselves to wicked things. They hide in the dark. But those who live in the light so that their good works "may be clearly seen as done in God." Living in the light is a conscious choice that we are always invited towards being in. We are introduced to Nicodemus, a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish ruling council, who came to Jesus in the darkness of night with a question. The Pharisees were a group within the Jewish population who had been calling their people back to strict adherence to the law of Moses. Jesus poised his conversation knowing that Nicodemus would know these scriptures.

This initial visit to Jesus was Nicodemus' first initial step toward the Light.

Reading further into John's gospel, you will find Nicodemus two more times. In John 7:50-51, he tentatively defends Jesus before his fellow religious leaders who are looking to arrest Jesus. By the end of John's gospel, Nicodemus comes with Joseph of Arimathea, bringing a hundred pounds of spices for Jesus' burial (19.39). This was grandiose expression of his definitive choice to come to the Light.

**Pray the Novena in anticipation of the Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
**March 10 - March 18 at [SyracuseGoogleDrive](#)**  
**St. Joseph, pray for us!**



**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.



**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)



**Last Sunday, March 3, 2024: Envs: \$248.46 Loose: \$195. .... Total Regular Collection: \$443.46**  
**Other Income: Fuel-\$43.46 Votives-\$38. 50/50-\$14. Easter Flowers-\$40. Bills Paid This Week: \$358.32**  
***Thank you for your continued generosity that keeps our church running smoothly!***

Today, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collections. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Please place this envelope in the basket with your regular contribution.

**OLPH's 50/50 for March was won by Chris Klein. Congratulations!**  
**She won \$7.00 and donated back to the parish. Thank you, Chris.**

**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.

**March 2024 - FOOD \$EN\$E**

"Food Sense" is a practical food-buying program for people of all income levels, open to any who want to stretch their food dollars. Participants purchase a monthly food package by paying \$20.50 early in the month at Rural Services. Packages contain fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, and other food items. (The average value is \$25-\$30.)

The packages are delivered at the end of the month for pick up at Rural Services. Order by Saturday, March 16, at Rural Services or by phone: 607-863-3828. (If you are going to use SNAP, we need your card numbers before we can place your first order. Call us or bring us your card and we'll be happy to assist you.) Pick up on Friday, March 29, at Rural Services.