



**Our Lady Of
Perpetual Help Church
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

Pastor's Column - March 24, 2024

This Sunday we begin the Holiest week of the Church year. Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and how he was greeted by the people waving palms. Our Mass quickly takes a turn as we read from the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. We are taught that true glory and happiness comes only when we embrace the crosses in our lives.

On Monday evening Fr. Thomas will be at St. Stephen's Church in Marathon from 4:00- 7:00PM participating in the Diocesan-wide program "The Light is on for you." This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to encounter our Lord Jesus in a special way in the Sacrament of Confession. This is a wonderful and traditional way to prepare for the feast of Easter.

On Tuesday morning Fr. Thomas and I will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. It is at this Mass that all the oils that are used for the sacraments in the upcoming year.

On Holy Thursday we will have the Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Patrick's Church in Whitney Point at 6:00PM. This Mass recalls how the Lord Jesus instituted the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders on this holy evening.

On Good Friday we will have the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church in Marathon. It is at this liturgy that we recall the depth of God's love for us as we recall His passion and death.

The Solemn Easter Vigil will take place at St. Patrick's church at 8:00PM on Holy Saturday evening. On this evening the fire is blessed, the Holy water is blessed and Fr. Thomas will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation as Kim Wheeler is accepted into the Church.

On Easter Sunday, we will have Mass in St. Stephen's Church at 10:15 and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 12:00 noon. Make your plans now to accompany our Lord Jesus during this holiest week of the year.

On the Tuesday after Easter, I will be having some surgery on my ankle. The doctor tells me that I will have to stay off the ankle for 4-6 weeks. Please keep me in prayer during this time as Fr. Thomas provides the pastoral care for our parish community.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



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	<u>OLPH</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Whitney Point</u>
<i>Weekday Mass:</i>	No Mass	No Mass	6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	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
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 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/Infirmit—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.

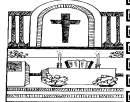
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 24, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 03/24/24 12:00PM for **Jennie Ricca** by Pat & Terri Fedele
 for **Zig Leszczynski** by Pat & Terri Fedele
 to **Ellie Auberger**, Blessings on your **85th Birthday** from Family

Easter Sunday, 03/31/24 12:00PM for **Bob Livermore** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society



Lector: Hugh Cook
Next Sunday: Linda Crowley
Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Carter
Next Sunday: Lisa Holt

Gift Bearers: Terri Fedele, Jean Drury
Next Sunday: Joanne Livermore, Jeanne Williams

If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector 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.



Thank you to those who took a Rice Bowl this Lenten season. Please bring them in beginning next week. Visit csrcricebowl.org to read more.

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

Our final one is Good Friday, March 29th at 3:00 PM. Join us as we commemorate the journey of Jesus Christ to his death and resurrection.



STATIONS of the CROSS



Otselic Valley Church Alliance Lenten Program. The next program is
 ➔ **Today, March 24 and Final (Palm Sunday), 6th Sunday of Lent-**
 Cincy Baptist Church Easter Cantata 6:00 PM

A great big THANK YOU to all the folks that made our service and our dinner such a great success last Sunday! We couldn't have done it without your assistance.



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

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

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



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.



Last Sunday, March 17, 2024: Envs: \$145. Loose: \$151.Total Regular Collection: \$296.

Other Income: Easter Flowers-\$80. **Bills Paid This Week:** \$743.82

Your continued generosity helps pay the bills on a timely manner, thank you!!

Thank you to those who made donations last Sunday at our Lenten Service. \$118.00 was collected and OLPH matched it totaling \$236.00 that was given to Rural Services.

Holy Land:- There is a Good Friday (March 29) envelope in our packets for the Holy Land Collection. Please place this offering in the basket on Easter Sunday along with your Easter envelope.

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.



Palm Sunday begins with jubilation as Jesus enters into Jerusalem. The crowd cheers and shouts "Hosana" while waving palms. As participants in today's liturgy, we are immersed into the readings, doing the same actions.

As we continue in the Liturgy of the Word, we, the crowd, journey with Jesus to the Cross.

As the Gospel is read, the crowd in Jerusalem quickly changes their tone. Shouts of joyful "Hosana" become angry demands, "Crucify him!" We come to realize that Jesus is sacrificing himself for our sinfulness.

Jesus loves us beyond imagination. He is our Savior. Holy Week invites us all to let go of self love and embrace the Lord anew by saying 'Yes' to the invitation to continuing conversion.

How desperately we all need to hear the Good News that we can begin again! As we begin this journey with Jesus, we can identify times in our lives when we too may have felt abandoned. All of our own sufferings can be shared in the passion of Christ. His suffering was not in vain but rather became a source of abundant life for us.

So our suffering and times of feeling alone can be joined to Christ and transformed by God into a source of life.

Christ promises to be with us so we never are left alone. (Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press. 2024. pg. 89,)

Scripture Verse of the Week From Sunday's Mass: Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

-Philippians 2:9-10 Practice reverence in Mass this week and every week. Genuflect when passing in front of the tabernacle. Silently say a prayer as you gaze upon the crucifix. Participate prayerfully during the Mass.

Be reverent to others outside of the church.

Pray - Read and pray with the Holy Week Scriptures (USCCB.org)

Fast - Add an extra day of fasting this week

Give - Catholic Charities is in need of basic food and personal care items



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.**

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www.facebook.com/ccsss to get the most up to date information on parish events for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches. Thank you to John Dee for the wonderful work on our Facebook Page.