

# **I Am The Good Shepherd. A Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life For The Sheep.**

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Bulletin For  
The Week Of April 21, 2024**

# **Pastor's Column - April 21, 2024**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we hear Jesus telling us in the Gospel that He “Is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.” Jesus underwent His passion and death out of love for us, God’s children. As we reflect upon the power of God’s love in this passage, we are called to ask the Lord for more men who are willing to shepherd and lay down their lives for God’s People as they serve Him as priests. We are all aware of the shortage of priests in our country and in our diocese. We are all called to ask the Lord to touch the hearts of many young men who will be willing to offer their lives to the Church as priests. We are also called to ask the Lord to touch the hearts of young women who would be willing to say “yes” to God as they witness to His love as Religious Sisters. Our God continues to call our young people to serve Him and it is up to us to create an environment where young people are able to hear God’s call in the midst of our community. May God grant that our families may be fertile soil to hear His Word and His call to service in the Church. May our Lord touch all our hearts to live out more faithfully the vocations that we all have been called to.**

**On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations our parish family looks forward to the Ordination of John Mihalko to the Permanent Diaconate on May 11th. We thank God that John has responded to God’s call in his life and for his “yes” to that call. We offer our prayers for him and his family as he prepares for this big day.**

**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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"I am the good shepherd."

John 10:11

**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 EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 04/21/24 12:00PM for **Morgan Lucente** by Pat & Terri Fedele  
 Next Sunday, 04/28/24 12:00PM for **Bernie Massar, Jr., Anniv.** by Sharon Massar



**Lector:** Sharon Constantino **Eucharistic Minister:** Lisa Holt **Gift Bearers:** Jay & Lisa Holt  
**Next Sunday:** Hugh Cook **Next Sunday:** Jean Drury **Next Sunday:** Sharon Massar, Chris Klein  
**Ushers:** Sue DeMonte, Volunteer **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.

### The 4th Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, Year B,

brings together themes that are central to understanding our relationship with Jesus and our identity as Christians. Here are the key themes based on the readings:

- +Jesus as the Good Shepherd:** The Gospel clearly portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep, indicating His sacrificial love and commitment to us.
- +Salvation Through Jesus:** Peter's speech in Acts underscores that salvation is exclusively found in Jesus Christ, emphasizing His role as the cornerstone of our faith.
- +Our Identity as Children of God:** The letter from John reminds us that we are deeply loved children of God, an identity that the world might not recognize but is foundational to our Christian life.
- +The Universality of Christ's Call:** Jesus mentions He has other sheep not of this flock, highlighting the inclusive nature of His mission and the universal call to be part of one flock under one shepherd.
- +Voluntary Sacrifice and Authority of Christ:** Jesus' assertion that He lays down His life voluntarily and has the authority to take it up again speaks to His divine authority and the voluntary nature of His sacrifice for us.
- +The Role of Faith in Understanding Our Identity and Mission:** The readings together invite us to reflect on how faith in Jesus as the Good Shepherd and cornerstone helps us understand our identity as God's children and our mission in the world.

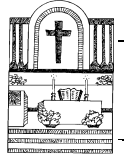
These themes invite us to reflect on the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice, our identity as beloved children of God, and the call to unity and mission in the vast flock of Christ. *Young Catholics, Building Faith@HOME.*

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

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



Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of  
**John DeMonte**  
 who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.  
 May he rest in peace.



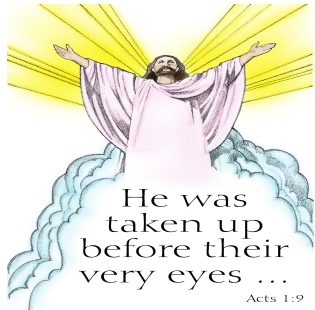
**Mass Intentions**-If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our parish office at 607-692-3911 or see Mary Wied at Mass. The offering for all Mass intentions (both living and deceased) is \$15 per Mass. If paying by check, please make payable to OLPH Church.

**Daily Message from Pope Francis** "We Christians too, in our journey of life, are in this state of walking, of progressing in familiarity with the Lord. The Lord, I could say, is a bit "down to earth", but He is down to earth because He walks with us, we recognize that it is Him. No one asks Him, here, "Who are you?": they knew that He was the Lord. It is an everyday familiarity with the Lord, that of the Christian. And certainly, they ate breakfast together, with fish and bread, certainly they spoke about many things naturally." ~Pope Francis  
 Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.

**Earth Day is April 22!** During the Easter season we celebrate a new life with God, our Creator. Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibilities in being good stewards of all of creation.



We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. (USCCB)



**The Ascension of the Lord** - There will be a 6:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, for the Ascension of the Lord.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Ascension is the event, where Jesus arose into heaven, at the end of his time on earth. Jesus' time on earth began with his birth. It was interrupted for three days by His death on the Cross. During that time, He descended into the realm of the dead and preached the Gospel to the good people who died before Him. This allowed those good and holy souls--the righteous dead, as we call them--who accepted Christ as their Savior to proceed to heaven. On the third day after his death and burial, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, an event we call the Resurrection. He spent the next 40 days preaching and preparing His disciples to perform the work of preaching and baptizing all people. At the end of this 40 day period, Jesus ascended into heaven. We call this the Ascension.

**Blood Drive** to help the Red Cross bring health and hope to those in need and to help the Cincinnatus High School earn scholarship dollars on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30AM to 5:00PM** at the **Cincinnatus High School, 2809 Cincinnatus Rd., Cincinnatus**. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). By donating at the school, you help save lives and help the school earn scholarship dollars. Fact: Only 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood but out of that 38% less than 10% actually donate!



**Last Sunday, April 14, 2024:** Envs: \$334.15 Loose: \$92.73 ....**Total Regular Collection: \$426.88**  
**Other Income:** HolyLand-\$10. **Bills Paid This Week: \$314.58**

*Your continued generosity is so greatly appreciated, thank you!*

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - Next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**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.

➔If anyone can help w/the maintenance of our church, such as mowing, taking care of the outside flowers, etc., please see Pat Rice or Pam Maroney.

