

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



**John 15:1-8**

**He is the vine and  
we are the branches.**

**Rev. James Serowik, Pastor**

**April 28, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **Pastor's Column - April 24, 2024**

**In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the vine and that we are the branches. We are called to live our lives connected to our Lord Jesus. It is the Holy Spirit that unites us with our Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the lifeblood that keeps us connected to our Lord Jesus and to one another. Let us take some time this week to thank our Lord Jesus for His Spirit living within us and ask Him to help us stay connected to Him and one another.**

**It is hard to believe that next Sunday our young people will be receiving the Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. This is always a special day for our young people, their families, and our parish family. I would like to thank everyone who has supported our young people and prepared them for this special day. Let us keep our young people in prayer this week as they prepare for their big day!**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

***Fr. Jim***





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Cincinnati, New York

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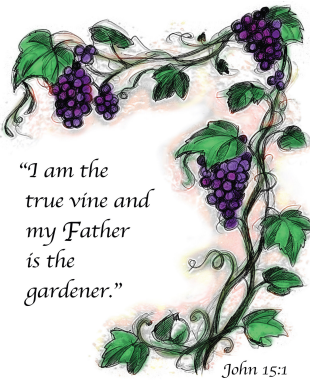
	<u>OLPH</u>	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Whitney Point</u>
<i>Weekday Mass:</i>	No Mass	No Mass	6:00PM Mondays & 9AM Tuesdays
<i>Sunday Masses:</i>	12:00PM	10:15AM	8:30AM

**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  
 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.



"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener."

John 15:1

**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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

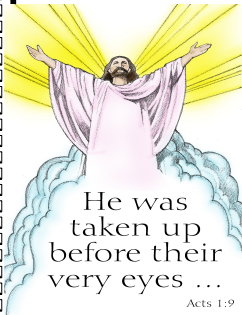
### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 04/28/24 12:00PM for **Bernie Massar, Jr., Anniv.** by Sharon Massar  
 Next Sunday, 05/05/24 12:00PM for **Trevor Warner** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society  
 for **John DeMonte** by Pat & Terri Fedele



**Lector:** Hugh Cook **Eucharistic Minister:** Jean Drury **Gift Bearers:** Sharon Massar, Chris Klein  
**Next Sunday:** Linda Crowley **Next Sunday:** Betty Carter **Next Sunday:** Sue DeMonte, Mary Wied  
**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.



He was taken up before their very eyes ...

Acts 1:9

**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.

**The Sacrament of Holy Orders** will be celebrated on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse and **our John D. Mihalko will be ordained as our Deacon.**

Please join us for a luncheon reception following ordination to celebrate with John and his home and church families at 2:00 PM at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 51 Keibel Rd., Whitney Point. **Kindly RSVP by Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Mary at the Parish Office, 607-692-3911.**

**For God and Country, Pray the Rosary every day. It is as vital today as when Our Lady requested it at Fatima**

**The Vine and the Branches** - Last week we were reminded that we are "children of God," loved by our heavenly Father and called to love one another. Jesus showed us his Father's love by laying down his life for us, the ultimate sacrifice of love. Today's readings continue to share that message. St. John, in his letter, reminds us that love is empty without "deed and truth". In other words, actions speak louder than words. God gave to us his commandments to know how to love God and others; Jesus exemplified this by demonstrating his love for us and that we are to love one another in the same manner.

This is how we remain with Jesus.

We then hear in the Gospel of John, more of what it means to remain with Jesus through the parable of the "Vine and the Branches." Societies throughout the world and throughout history all have some form of hierarchy. Within societies, there may be political agitators, political tyrants, groups fighting for power. The same was true in Jesus' time, but Jesus gave a different view of how to live with each other in a much more gentle and loving way. The image of the vine and branches is completely opposite of any hierarchical structure, Vines are so intertwined that it is hard to see where one branch begins and another ends. The tangling of the vines continue to grow from the one stock, branching out to give more and more fruit.

But, fruitfulness depends on pruning.

As we reflect in our own hearts, what is not true of the love of God, is to be pruned. What is not sharing the love of Jesus is to be pruned away, so that all that remains is the fruitful branch.

**Blood Drive** to help the Red Cross bring health and hope to those in need and to help the Cincinnati High School earn scholarship dollars on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM-5:00PM** at the **Cincinnati High School**. 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!



**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.



**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.**



**Last Sunday, April 21, 2024:** Envs: \$288.46   Loose: \$68.   ...**Total Regular Collection: \$356.46**  
**Other Income:** Fuel-\$10.   **Bills Paid This Week: \$284.32**  
*Your continued generosity is so greatly appreciated, thank you!*

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - Today, April 28th, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to find essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please place your gift envelope in with the regular collection today.

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

**During the Month of May solar eclipse glasses will be collected.** There will be a box in the back of Seton Hall. The glasses will be sent to South America for children there to view the eclipse in October.

**Willet/Cincinnati Senior Center at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church's Seton Hall** hosts breakfasts the first three Fridays of the month. Variety of activities at the Senior Center, Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00PM and Fridays from 8:00 -10:00AM. Bingo Wednesdays, 1-3PM New raffles and 50/50 - \$5 Bag Sale at Nearly New Store (usually near the end of the month) "Coffee Chat and Chew," Wednesdays, 10:00AM. Call ahead to confirm: 607-863-3828

