

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help



Psalm 133 How Good And Pleasant It Is When God's People Live Together In Unity!



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August II, 2024

Pastoral Administrator's Column

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your family! In today's readings, we reflect on how God supports us, the importance of living a good Christian life, and the significance of Jesus as the bread of life and bread-giver. These readings help us understand God's care and our response in faith, hope, and charity.

In the first reading, from I Kings 19:4-8, Prophet Elijah is overwhelmed and seeks death in the wilderness. He feels alone and tired. But God sends an angel to give him food and water. This shows that God does not abandon us, even in or lowest moments. He sees our struggles and offers help. Elijah's journey to Horeb becomes possible because of God's care. Like Elijah, we learn that God supports and sustains us in difficult times.

In Ephesians 4:30-5:2, the second reading, Paul tells to avoid behaviors and attitudes that grieve the Holy Spirit; we are called to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. This is how we should live as followers of Jesus Christ. By following Paul's advice, we strengthen our relationship with God and each other.

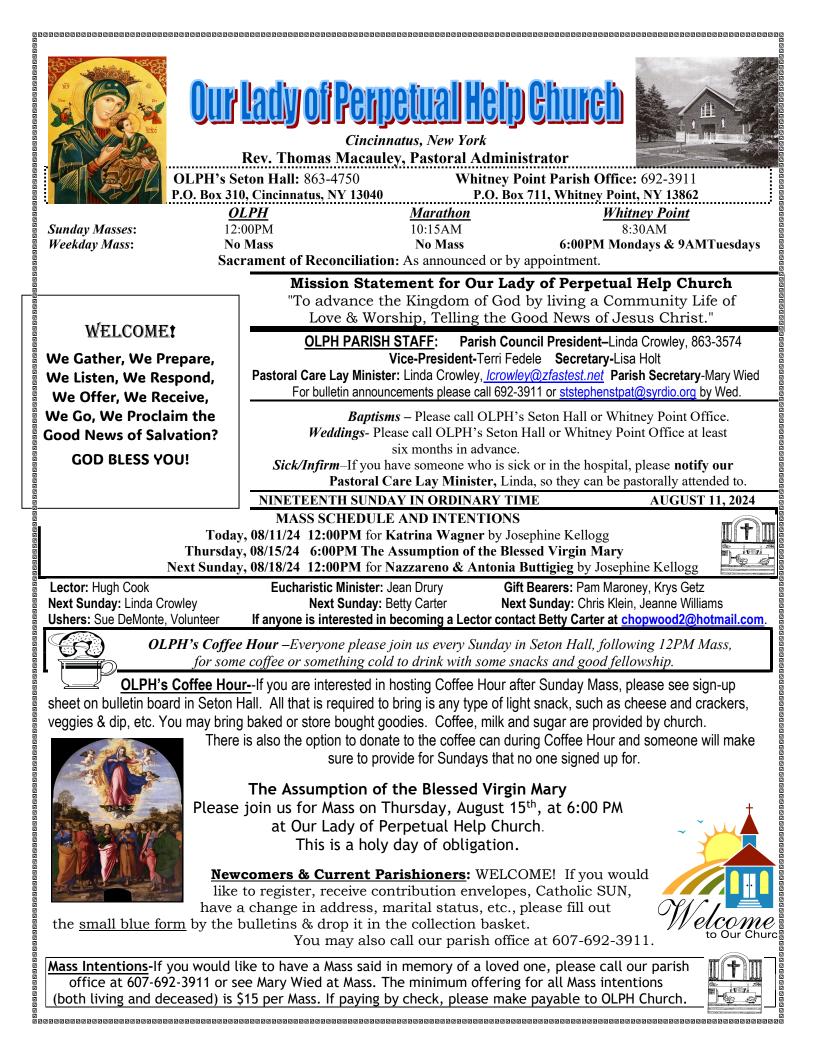
The Gospel reading, John 6:41-51 is a continuation and conclusion of the bread of life discourse. Jesus declares that he is the living bread from heaven. This bread gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. The Jews struggle to understand this message. Jesus emphasizes that only those drawn by the Father can come to him. Belief in Jesus leads to eternal life. He offers Himself as spiritual nourishment.

This passage highlights the importance of faith in Jesus and his teachings. By believing in him, we receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus invites us to trust in Him and receive His life-giving presence.

Thank you, Blessed Holy Trinity, for your constant care and support. Help us to live with kindness and forgive others as you forgive us. Strengthen our faith in Jesus, the bread of life, Amen.

Have an amazing Sunday and a blessed week!

Rev. Thomas Macauley





I wish to thank all my friends at OLPH for their concern and constant prayers for my daughter, Katy and our family. Your outpouring of prayers, love, cards, meat platter, brownies and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated by all. God Bless all of you, Pam
DALEY PRAYER FOR TODAY'S CATHOLIC Give Us This Day
Share the power of prayer. Draw your community closer to God through morning and evening prayer, daily reflection and Mass texts, inspiring profiles of holy witnesses and so much more. Please take one as a gift to you! They are by the bulletins.
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There'll be one Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11:00 AM followed by the picnic at the North Pavilion at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point, Please bring a dish to pass, a law, chair and an outdoor game if you wish. Our parish's Hospitality Committee will be providing the meat, beverages and place settings. Everyone join us for a fun-filled day!
Any Message from Pope Francis
Today, these words are also addressed to us: God's work does not consist so much in "doing" things, but in "believing" in Him whom He sent. This means that faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God's works. If we allow ourselves to be involved in this loving and trusting relationship with Jesus, we will be able to perform good works that exude the fragrance of the Gospel for the good and needs of our brothers and sisters." Pope Francis
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Weekly Collection Report: Last Sunday, August 4, 2024: Regular Collection: Envs- \$520. Loose- \$189.40Total Regular Collection: \$709.40

Other Income: Fuel-\$540. Assumption-\$5. 50/50-\$39. Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

Stewardship - We will continue to give weekly report of financial income and give annual report of income, expenses and balance instead.

Next Sunday, August 18th, the Diocese will participate in the National Religious Retirement Fund **Collection**. Many, if not most religious communities depend on this fund to help them care for their elderly and infirm religious sisters and brothers. As you may know, most religious communities have a large percentage of members who are retired and in need of care.

Please be as generous as possible for this collection. Every donation helps

A donation of \$500.00 was made in memory of Cecilia and Richard Spann towards our fuel account by their son, Patrick Spann.

OLPH's 50/50 for August was won by Sharon Massar, winning \$19.00. Congratulations! Sharon donated her winnings back to our parish, thank you Sharon.

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.

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 chopwood2@hotmail.com



➡To access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass, for those who are homebound, go to: https://www.voutube.com/c/CatholicCommunitvofStStephenStPatrick