

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church September I, 2024

There will be one Mass at II:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, on Sunday, September 8th followed by the Parish Picnic at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point.



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



Pastoral Administrator's Column - Sepember 1, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

The theme of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B reminds us to follow God's laws, to listen and act on God's Word and to maintain inner purity of heart. Reflecting on these teachings help us to grow in faith and love and hope.

An important lesson to grasp - understanding the spirit of the law versus the letter of the law. In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the Pharisees who criticized His disciples for not following traditional rituals. Jesus responds by highlighting that true defilement comes from within, not from external practices. The Pharisees were fixated on strict observance, missing the laws true purpose, which is to bring people closer to God and enhance true freedom. Jesus emphasizes the importance of inner purity and genuine faith, urging us to focus on our hearts and relationship with God.

James encourages us to receive the words of sacred scripture with meekness and be doers of it, not just hearers. He encourages us to look into the Word, make necessary adjustments and conform our lives to Christ. By doing so, we receive many blessings and experience God's closeness.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to obey God's laws, to act on them and keep our hearts pure. Guide us in showing our faith through our actions. Amen.

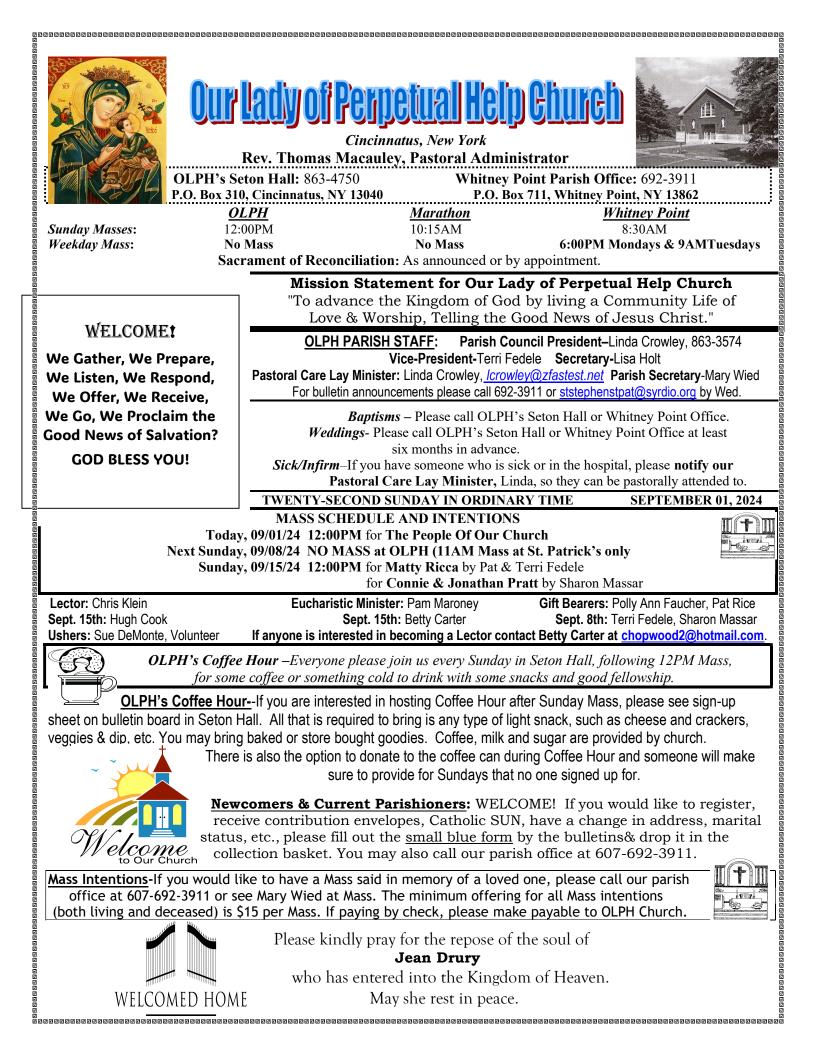
**Rev. Thomas Macauley** 



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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!

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.





Weekly Collection Report: Last Sunday, August 25, 2024: Regular Collection: Envs- \$115. Loose- .75\$. ......Total Regular Collection: \$190. Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

