

**December 12, 2021**

# **Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church**

**Third Sunday Of Advent**

**Rev. Corey S. Van Kuren**

**Pastor**



# **From Our Pastor:**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the Third Week of Advent, or Joyful Sunday. Although Advent is a penitential season, we take the time now to reflect on all the gifts God has freely given us and that causes us great JOY!**

**The gifts of life, talents, health, children, nature, and of course Salvation; all these and many more are God's gifts to us.**

**There is always much more to do during Advent and Christmas; shopping, decorating, baking, card writing, wrapping presents, cleaning and preparing for guests, traveling, etc. All this can accompany frustration, tiredness, or panic.**

**Today is a time to stop, smile at ourselves and see our silliness. All there is to do, doesn't compare to the JOY we are called to, anticipating and celebrating God's greatest gift, His Son, Jesus Christ!**

**Even our ministry must be Joyful! Give of ourselves, not counting the cost of our time or treasure, but Joyfully knowing that the poor we serve is Christ Himself! Give with a smile. Your Christmas will be gratefully Joyful and your heart too will SMILE!**

**May God bless us and may Mary keep us always in His love!**

**Fr. Corey**



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Cincinnati, New York

Rev. Corey Van Kuren, Pastor



OLPH's Seton Hall: 863-4750

Whitney Point Parish Office: 692-3911

P.O. Box 310, Cincinnati, NY 13040

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### OLPH

### Marathon

### Whitney Point

Weekday Mass:

**No Mass Until Announced**

8:30AM-Thursdays

8:30AM-Tuesdays

Sunday Masses:

12:00PM

10:30AM

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 863-4750 or [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto: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/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.

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### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 12/12/21 12:00PM Mass for **Joe Auberger**...by Chris Klein

for **Maria & Salvu Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg

for **Vladislav Andreyev**...by Paul & Luda Zelsnack

Next Sunday, 12/19/21 12:00PM Mass for **Joseph Ricca**...by Pat & Terri Fedele



**SERVING THIS WEEK**



**Lector:** Pam Maroney

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Polly Ann Faucher, Sharon Constantino

**Next Sunday:** Terri Seager

**Next Sunday:** Jean Drury, Linda Crowley, Josephine Kellogg

**Gift Bearers:** Chris Klein, Betty Carter

**Next Sunday:** Doug & Teresa Dann

→→→ 2022 Lector Workbooks are in the church sacristy

### Third Week of Advent - The Candle of Joy

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



**More Opportunities For Reconciliation with Fr. Corey:** **Advent Penance Service** TODAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM at

St Mary's Church, Cortland. A number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**The Light Is On For You** -Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, between 4:00pm and 7:00pm at our Whitney Point Church only.

**Memorial Christmas Poinsettias** – If you would like to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one(s) please mark on your Flower envelope or a regular envelope if you would like **small for \$6.00 and large is \$10.00**. Please mark who they are in memory of. Names will be listed in bulletin near Christmas. The Poinsettias will beautifully decorate our church's altar for the Christmas Season. They can be taken if you'd like after the Christmas Season.

**The 2022 calendars are now available** at the entrance of our church.

Please take one for yourself and for any homebound person you know.



Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, **Christmas Eve:**

**4:00pm** at our Marathon Church

**6:00pm** at our Whitney Point Church

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, **Christmas Day:**

**10:00am** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati

The new Living Faith daily devotionals for January, February & March are now available. They are by the bulletins.

**Christmas Program** - Please join us next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, for our Annual Christmas Program put on by our Faith Formation students at our Whitney Point Church. **Everyone is invited!** Then join us after downstairs and bring a dish to pass to celebrate!

**The Third Sunday of Advent** - Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday., "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil 4:4-5) As we light the third candle, we "break" through the darkness with more than half of the candles and we enter the second part of Advent. The readings today are filled with hope, joy, and the anticipation that something great is about to happen. The prophet Zephaniah proclaims to the people of Judah, that despite their many infidelities, "God will renew you in his love." In the Responsorial Psalm, Isaiah announces that with the greatness of God salvation is at hand. In the Second reading, St. Paul call the Philippian community to "Rejoice in the Lord" because the Good News of Salvation in Christ continues to spread. Though the reading from Luke brings a message of repentance, Repentance, as we mentioned last week, means to have a radical conversion in one's life. It demands turning away from sin and all that leads to it, such as greed, pride, anger, sloth, gluttony, etc, while turning to God in heart and action. In this reading, John the Baptist calls tax collectors and soldiers to cease their common acts of dishonesty and oppression. Rejoicing in the salvation that has come already in Christ is praiseworthy... BUT....this calls for our response in daily life and actions. John the Baptist awakens our sense of social justice and our responsibility to care for and love one another. We are called to not only clothe the naked, but to clothe with love and protection to the vulnerable; to not only feed the hungry, but to nourish one another with compassionate concern.



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**Picks of the Week: SEE IN BIG BULLETIN**

→ **OLPH is still in need of another altar server** at our 12pm Mass. Please see Hugh Cook if you are called to serve in this ministry. Training is available and Fr. Corey will guide you during Mass.

**Congratulations to Terri Fedele** for winning OLPH's 50/50 for December. Proceeds are split between winner and our church. She won \$15.00 which she donated back our OLPH's coffee hour fund. Thank you, Terri!

**OLPH's 50/50** – We are 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 a \$1.00 each and drawings are done the first Sunday of every month during our coffee hour. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish. If you are interested and able please call the parish office, 692-3911, or see Hugh Cook or Mary Wied at Mass..

 Stewardship REPORT	<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Sunday, December 5, 2021:</b>	
	<b>Regular Collection: Envs-\$377. Loose-\$5.</b>	<b>.....Total Regular Collection-\$382.</b>
	<b>Diocesan Collection: RetRel-20. Other Income: ImmaConcep-\$20. Fuel-\$10. Flowers-\$197. 50/50-\$14.25</b>	
	<b>Bills Paid This Week: \$639.03</b>	<b>Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!</b>

**Collection for Retired Religious** - Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last Sunday's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brother, and religious order priests.

	<b>Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:</b> <i>Sgt. Nicholas Stone, Sgt Heather Fox, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt. Avery Hull, SSG Steven Gross, Major Corrine Miller (AirForce), USMC SSgt. Dan Votra, Brett Hayes, Michael Cruz, Lt. Paul McDonald, Kris Carstens, Sgt. Megan Ballard, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt. Zachary Reardon USMC, LCDR Maria Lescord, A2C Derek Lescord, Captain Chris Gitro, Major Joy Thomas, SSgt Michael Hetzler, A1C Brendan Schneider, SSgt. Justin Blaisdell, LC USMC Daniel Morehouse, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott, III, LCpl John Larkin, Jr. USMC, Major John Thomas, PV2 Samuel Lilley &amp; PV2 James McGill</i>
	<b>If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin and to be kept in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 692-3911.</b>



**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 in to 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 Krys Getz or Mary Wied. **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.