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June 26, 2022

**Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church
Fr. Peter Tassini**

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Tough words to hear, but Jesus knows the pull of the world in our everyday lives and he also knows what brings lasting happiness and fulfillment-----the purpose and mission he has called us to.

When Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, she went in haste because she knew that she had been called by God for a special purpose; she knew her mission. Mother Teresa left her home in Albania in 1928 at age 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto . In answering the call of Jesus, she never saw her family again, in this lifetime; St Francis of Assisi left everything including his clothing which he placed at the feet of his father as he left for the mission God had called him for. These and many more followed their calling and impacted the entire world.

Not everyone is called to the Priesthood, religious life, or Christian ministry, but we are all called, by our baptism, to be Disciples of Christ and to be witnesses of his life and love to others. When we have the courage to tell our stories, sharing what Jesus has done in our lives, we can touch the soul of another person and change his heart, even if that person is a criminal. In the spring of 2005, I was reading the book, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Pastor Rick Warren, which basically tells us that every one of us has been created by God for a purpose. I was halfway through the book when we turned on the news one evening in March, to hear that Brian Nichols had been arrested at the apartment of Ashley Smith in Duluth, Georgia. Just the day before his arrest, Brian had murdered four people, two of whom were in the courthouse where he was to stand trial for an alleged rape. He had escaped by overpowering a female officer, taking her gun, and pistol-whipping her into a coma. At 2:30 am the next morning he took Ashley Smith hostage in her own apartment as she returned home from the convenience store. Though the story is quite lengthy, Ashley told Brian her story over the next 7 hours. She told him her husband had been stabbed to death a few years earlier, that she was a drug addict who was trying to reform her life with the help of Jesus, and that she had a 5-year-old daughter. She asked if she could read to him from a book that was helping her and he agreed. As Brian listened, Ashley read to him from “*The Purpose Driven Life.*” At one point, Brian asked Ashley what she thought he should do and she told him that he should give himself up. He even expressed remorse for what he had done. By 9 am that morning Ashley insisted that she had to go see her daughter and Brian let her go. Ashley called 911 and Brian was taken into custody without incident.

Though we may never have to witness to our faith under such trying circumstances; following Jesus and telling another of his love may be just the hope that person needs.

Sylvia Bates

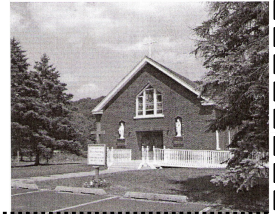
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Cincinnati, New York

Rev. Corey Van Kuren, Administrator



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OLPH

Marathon

Whitney Point

Weekday Mass:

No Mass

No Mass

8:30AM Communion Service-Tuesdays

Sunday Masses:

12:00PM

10:30AM

8:30AM

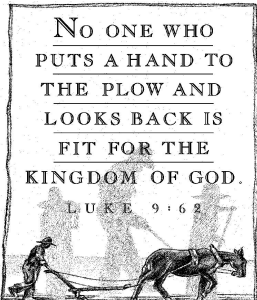
Sacrament of Reconciliation: As announced or by appointment

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

Secretary-Mary Wied-For bulletin announcements please call 692-3911 or ststephenstpat@syrdio.org by Wed



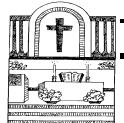
Baptisms – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office.
Weddings – Please call OLPH's Seton Hall or Whitney Point Office at least 6 months in advance.
Sick/Infirmit–If you have someone who is sick or in the hospital, please **notify our Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Linda**, so they can be pastorally attended to.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 06/26/22 12:00PM for Sr. Gen Glennon...by Bob & Joanne Livermore
for Blessings and Continued Good Health to Sr. Kathleen Heffron by Bob & Joanne Livermore
Next Sunday, 07/03/22 12:00PM for Patsy Fedele...by Pat & Terri Fedele
For the Sick and Hurting...Anon



SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Linda Crowley

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne Livermore, Betty Carter, Jean Drury

Next Sunday: Mary Lee Faucher

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Gift Bearers: Josephine Kellogg, Pam Maroney/Next Sunday: Terri Fedele, Sharon Constantino/Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

OLPH's Coffee Hour – Please join us after our 12:00pm Mass in Seton Hall for coffee hour. Everyone is welcome!
There will be NO coffee hour in July and August.



Please Take Note: In accordance with the Bishop's request, we will say the rosary before Sunday Mass. Please arrive by 11:40 to join in our prayers for peace in the Ukraine.

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



We are so grateful for Fr. Peter Tassini coming every Sunday from Syracuse to be our Celebrant. Beginning next Sunday, July 3rd, our new administrator will be Fr. Jim Serowik, who will also be our Celebrant once a month and he will have other priests that will help us celebrate Sunday Mass. Next Sunday, July 3rd, Fr. Jim Serowik will be our Celebrant and *we hope to see you again and again soon, Fr. Peter.*

Cincinnati Field Day – Saturday, July 9th – Many activities, Chicken BBQ and fireworks at night!

The community churches were asked to contribute by making one side dish and OLPH is making baked beans, We are asking for monetary donations for us to make them. Either put in collection basket marked for baked beans donation or give to Annette Lapierre, if paying by check please make payable to OLPH's Altar Rosary Society. Thank you for contributing to our community activities. We hope to see everyone there.



CCSS-SP/OLPH's Annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 21st.

There will be one Mass that day: 11:00am at our Whitney Point Church followed by our picnic at Dorchester Park. More details in upcoming bulletins.

Family Perspective - Today's gospel reminds us once we set our "hand to the plow" of parenting and marriage, "We cannot look back." This is what commitment means: we have said YES to what was, what is and to what can be.

Newcomers & Current Parishioners: WELCOME! If you would like register, receive contribution envelopes, Catholic SUN, have a change in address, marital status, etc., please fill out small blue form by the bulletins & drop it in collection basket.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Question of Response - In today's gospel, Jesus calls us to join him but also is clear about what is expected of a disciple. To the first one who was enthusiastically ready to follow, Jesus tells the him that he is not offering the external securities. As a disciple, one must be ready to let go of things and attachments. One must ask themselves, "Am I ready for this or do I set my own securities first, then follow, putting things before faith?" The second man also wants to follow Jesus but wants to fulfill his duties to his father. Jesus is not saying here that we should not respect and love members of our family, but rather is asking where our priorities in life really are. If we wish to be a disciple, we can not make our own arrangements first. The call to build the kingdom comes first in actions of compassion, justice, freedom, peace and mercy. The third man says he wants to follow Jesus but wants to say goodbye to his family and friends first. Again, we are asked about priorities. Do we want to make our own arrangements first before committing to being a disciple? Jesus is calling each and every one of us to follow him. The call is NOW - today - and the response must also be now - today. Are you ready to follow Jesus and accept the expectations of discipleship? (livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OC131/) The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn't follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard

Stewardship

REPORT

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Last Sunday, June 19, 2022

Regular Collection: Envs.- \$345. Loose- \$56. Total Regular Collection-\$401.
Bills Paid This Week: \$436.31+\$2,500.(new doors,sink,vanity,roof repairs)

Thank you for your generous support to our parish!

Peter's Pence Collection – Today, June 26th, is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. You may place your gift envelope in with the regular collection. Please be generous today. For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



The American Red Cross-Give the Gift of Life! The American Red Cross asks the country to roll up a sleeve to help ensure people receive the care that they need. You can save up to 5 lives with just one donation of blood. Our community blood drive is on Saturday, July 16th from 8 AM - 1 PM at St. Mary's Church Hall, 46 North St., Cortland. Call the Red Cross at 753-1182 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

Divine Treasures - Remember us when looking for that special gift for your family and friends. We have lots of items for Baptism, Birthday, Wedding and Thank-you gifts! Need a wedding gift? We have personalized, family wedding bibles. We are located at St Anthony's & St Mary's Parish Center, North St., Cortland. **Please Note:** Due to Covid safety precautions, we are asking that you call Sue at 607-423-5871 for curbside pickup. Sue is available at the Parish Center Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM.



Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 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, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Major Joy Thomas, Sgt. Zachary Reardon USMC, LCDR Maria Lescord, A2C Derek Lescord, Captain Chris Gitro, 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 & PV2 James McGill
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

The Catholic Men of Faith - is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month, 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings, at 8:00am, at our Whitney Point Church Hall. Our purpose is to get to know each other, to serve those in need and to discuss spiritual topics as they arise. All men of the parish are invited to join us. **The next meeting is this Saturday, July 2nd, 8:00am, at our Whitney Point Church Hall.**



Come and Visit with Jesus-Did you know that every Thursday evening for one hour you can come and spend some time with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration is just that; a chance to be within His presence and talk to him one on one. Come for a short amount of time or stay for all of it. Every Thursday, unless indicated, at 7pm, in our Whitney Pt Church.