

Third Sunday Of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "Gaudete" comes from the Latin word meaning "Rejoice." This Sunday is a time for Christians to rejoice in the coming of Jesus Christ.

**Our Lady Of
Perpetual Help Church
December 11, 2022**

Pastor's Column - December 11, 2022

This Sunday we celebrate Gaudete or Joyful Sunday. We are called to be joyful in the midst of our Advent preparations for Christmas since our Lord Jesus is near to us. We are called to rejoice because "the Glory of the Lord" will be shown to us. How many times do we recognize the Glory of the Lord as it is shown to us on a daily basis? We get so caught up in the busyness of life that we fail to recognize our God as He reveals Himself to us. Let us take some time this week to ask the Lord to open our eyes to recognize Him as He comes to us.

This Monday evening we will have our Advent Penance Service at 6:30 PM. It is a time for us to meet the Lord Jesus in a special way in the healing sacrament of His mercy and forgiveness. Many local priests will be here to celebrate God's mercy with us. I hope that ALL MEMBERS of our St. Stephen St. Patrick Parish family will take advantage of this great opportunity. I would especially like to encourage and invite ALL FAMILIES to attend this wonderful grace-filled celebration. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

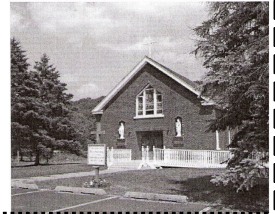
Fr. Jim



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Cincinnati, New York

Rev. James P. Serowik, Administrator



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P.O. Box 310, Cincinnati, NY 13040

Whitney Point Parish Office: 692-3911
P.O. Box 711, Whitney Point, NY 13862

OLPH

Marathon

Whitney Point

Weekday Mass:

No Mass

No Mass

6:00PM Monday Evenings

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/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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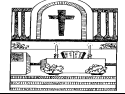
ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Today, 12/11/22 12:00PM for Paul Powers, *Birthday* by Pam Maroney

Next Sunday, 12/18/22 12:00PM for Joseph Ricca by Pat & Terri Fedele



SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Linda Crowley

Eucharistic Minister: Joanne Livermore

Ushers: John & Sue DeMonte

Next Sunday: Teresa Dann

Next Sunday: Lisa Holt

Gift Bearers: Krys Getz, Krista Cohenno **Next Sunday:** Sharon Massar, John Maroney **If anyone is interested in becoming a Lector at OLPH and would like to be on the 2023 ministry schedule please contact Betty Carter at 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.

OLPH's Coffee Hour–If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour after Sunday Mass, please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board in Seton Hall. All that is required to bring is any type of light snack, such as cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, etc. You may bring baked or store bought goodies. Coffee, milk and sugar are provided by church. There is also the option to donate to the coffee can during Coffee Hour and someone will make sure to provide for Sundays that no one signed up for.

Community Service Giving Tree –Please return gifts to church today, December 11th, unwrapped, with tag attached. Thank you for helping Rural Services help those in need in our community to have a more joyous Christmas.



Christmas Poinsettias – Thank you to those who donated to our Christmas flowers, whether in memory of someone or not. They will decorate our altar during the Christmas Season. You may take it home after the Christmas Season.

GIVING TREE

Prepare the way this Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Advent Penance Service is tomorrow evening, December 12th, 6:30pm, at our Whitney Pt Church. Fr. Jim and other priests be available to hear confessions.

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, December 17th, 8:00am, at our Whitney Point Church Hall.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: Last Sunday, Dec. 04, 2022 **Regular Collection:** Envs.- \$517. Loose-\$67. Total-\$584.
Other Income: Flowers-\$190. Fuel-\$10. Immaculate Conception-\$15. 50/50-\$26. **Bills Pd This Week:** \$708.98

Thank you for your continued Time, Talent and Treasure to our parish!

Mass Intentions–If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our office at 692-3911, or see Mary Wied. Donation is \$10.00 per Mass. If paying by check, please make payable to Our Lady Perpetual Help Church.

World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Lucia, February 19, 2023, 2:00pm. - Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating *World Marriage Day* on February 19th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2023. Please contact your parish to let them know you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years who would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia. You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries, but only those couples should contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

Advent Evenings of Reflection with Seminarians John Brusa and Joe Ryan-Join Pastoral Year Seminarians John Brusa and Joseph Ryan for one of two Advent Evenings of Reflection being held on the Ember Wednesday and Ember Friday of Advent. See below for details. Each evening will include Eucharistic Adoration, a reflection by both John and Joe, time for silent prayer, praying the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and benediction. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare for His coming at Christmas.

Please join us: **Wednesday, December 14th, 7pm @ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Baldwinsville**
Friday, December 16th, 6:30pm @ St. Mary's Church, Cortland

From the Diocesan Office of Synodal Planning:

There are three remaining opportunities to participate in a Synodal Morning of Reflection:

Saturday, January 7 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Baldwinsville

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon, followed by a simple lunch.

Saturday, February 4 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish in Utica

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon, followed by a simple lunch.

Saturday, March 4 at St. Vincent de Paul/Blessed Sacrament Parish in Binghamton

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon, followed by a simple lunch.

Please register no later than one week prior to the session by contacting Kathyrene Sparaco by phone (315) 470-1426 or email (ksparaco@syrdio.org). These events are a further opportunity for conversation with Bishop Lucia as we continue the journey of preparation for the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held in October 2023.

For more information, contact Sr. Katie Eiffe at keiffe@syrdio.org or (315) 470-1473.

Congratulations to Sue DeMonte for winning OLPH's 50/50 for December, winning \$13.00, which she again donated back to our parish. Thank you, Sue.

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 once a 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 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.

You are the light! Thank you to those who have made their pledge to the 2022 HOPE Appeal. All gifts are graciously and gratefully accepted! Each gift brings us closer to our goal! It is our HOPE that you will choose to participate in the Annual Diocesan HOPE Appeal Campaign. With the participation of each and every parish family we should be able to meet our parish assessment. We make it easy for you. We accept cash, checks and even credit cards. No cash now?

You can make a pledge. The diocese will send you reminders later in the year to make payments. Simply fill out the form that you received in the mail or fill out a form from the pews at church and return them via the collection basket or by mail. You may also make a secure gift online at www.syrdio.org. **Together we will reach our parish goal of \$2,529.89**

Pledges to date: \$2,420.00 (13 pledges)

Balance Remaining: \$ 109.89

Cortland-Chenango Rural Services, FOOD PANTRY and Assistance, (next to OLPH) P.O. Box 57,

Cincinnatus, NY 13040-0057 Phone: (607) 863-3828 / Fax: (206) 350-2251 - E-mail: rursrvs@gmail.com.

Pantry has expanded and is available Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 - noon. We now carry dairy. Rural Services provides information, referral, emergency services, advocacy, networking and community action. It coordinates the human service outreach for the community, networking with area churches and other service providers. Masks and social distancing are requested. Our service area covers the towns of South Otselic, Lincklaen, Pharsalia, Pitcher, German, McDonough, Taylor, Cincinnatus, Willet, Solon, Marathon and Freetown.

➔ **Willet-Cincinnatus Senior Center open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church's Seton Hall**, 2708 Lower Cincinnatus Road: Tuesdays (9:00-noon) / Fridays (8:00-11:00) for residents ages 45+. Come enjoy good conversation, activities, and food.

