



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE
AND SERVICE TO OTHERS



23rd

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does
not carry his own
cross and come
after me cannot
be my disciple."
- Lk 14:27

8 SEPTEMBER 2019

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

*Oak Park Worship Location,
Rectory, and Parish Office*
13500 Oak Park Blvd. • Oak Park, MI 48237
Ferndale Worship Location
241 Pearson St. • Ferndale, MI 48220

Parish Office248.545.2310
Office Hours10am—3pm Mon—Fri
Parish Fax248.545.2312
Parish Email omophparish@gmail.com
Parish Website..... www.omoph.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 PM Ferndale
Sunday 9AM Oak Park; 11AM Ferndale
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9AM Oak Park
Tuesday & Thursday*9 AM Ferndale
Holy Days of Obligation * 9:00AM and 7:00 PM

The rosary is prayed Mon-Fri before the 9:00 am Mass
** Call 248.545.2310, for the location of the 1st Thursday
7:00 pm Mass and Holy Days of Obligation Masses*

**ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME,
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!
HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FOR AWHILE?
ARE YOU NEW OR VISITING?**

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish extends a warm welcome to you, wants you to know that you are welcome here and hopes you will come back.

Our volunteers who serve at our Welcome Desk, located in our Gathering Area, are available after each Mass on the weekends to answer questions you might have.

Our hope is that you will find a home in our community of faith. Registering to become a member is easy. Stop by our Welcome Desk, visit our parish website at www.omoph.org, or call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

Sacraments:

**Baptism, Anointing of the Sick,
and Reconciliation**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

Marriage

Must be active and registered members of the parish (for at least 6 months prior to scheduling)
call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE
at 248.374.9045



Saturday, September 7, 2019
Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. – Ferndale Worship Location
 Jim Podzikowski by Family
 John Sobeck by Iola Sobeck and Family
 Armando Roasa by Gertrudes Roasa

Saturday, September 8, 2019
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. – Oak Park Worship Location
 Minnie Bartos by Terri Mayfield
 Armando Roasa by Gertrudes Roasa
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
 Bruce King-14th Anniversary of Death-by Kay King
11:00 a.m. at Ferndale Worship Location
 Bernhard Bastian by Family
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Blessed Virgin Mary’s Nativity and mine by Eric Feddersen

Monday, September 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. - Oak Park Worship Location
 Rev. Michael T. Kazer (2010)

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
9:00 a.m. - Ferndale Worship Location
 Kenneth Grapes by Pam, Andrew and Joshua Grapes
 Healing of grandson Rheet by Ed and Judy Dupke

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
9:00 a.m. - Oak Park Worship Location
 Souls in Purgatory by Sonja Mawilai

Thursday, September 12, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Ferndale Worship Location
 Daniel J. Irwin by Mary
 John and Dolores Neubauer and Family

Friday, September 13, 2019
9:00 a.m. - Oak Park Worship Location
 Carlos Sommer by the Meo Family
 Souls in Purgatory by Sonia Mawilai

Saturday, September 14, 2019
Vigil Mass of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. – Ferndale Worship Location
 Jim Podzikowski by Family
 Ben Schwegman by Kathy Schwegman and Family
 Edward Fontaine

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. – Oak Park Worship Location
 Minnie Bartos by Mary Ann Shirley
 Armando Roasa by Gertrudes Roasa
Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
11:00 a.m. – Ferndale Worship Location
 Living and deceased members of the Kemling and Baracka
 Families by Dolly Kemling
 Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
 Kathryn Guccini by Guccini Family

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
 ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS**

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone’s privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310.

If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omopparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks. Thank you.



***Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers,
 and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners***

Jim Podzikowski, David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Omer Finley, Celia Juras, Susan Thornby, Margaret Devereaux, Jacob Plante, Michael Churilla, Victor Churilla

Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HN Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God’s love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

How do you live out our mission and vision?

CONTACT OUR STAFF AT 248.545.2310

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor

Ms. Vicki Mazurek,

Director of Finance and Office Administration
vickimazurekolofsj@gmail.com

Ms. Terri Mayfield

Parish Office General Support Services
omophparish@gmail.com

Mrs. Natalie LaCroix

Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation
natalielacroix@ymail.com / 248.374.9045

Bulletin and Calendar Email Address—

omoph2@gmail.com



**OFFERTORY FOR
FY 2019-2020:**

	Aug. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$21,014	\$44,629
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$1,575)	(\$3,667)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$1,447)	(\$294)
Week of 08-25-2019 Offertory:	\$4,205	

2019 CSA: GOAL: \$41,697

TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 08-26-2019: \$56,980

TOTAL PAID AS OF 08-26-2019: \$48,040
(115% OF GOAL)

PAID OVER/(UNDER) GOAL: \$6,343

OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET: (\$18,657)

PLEDGE COUNT: 133

**WE KNOW YOU ARE ON THE GO. WE
DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS
ANY PARISH INFO OR EVENTS. SO, WE
HAVE AN APP FOR THAT!**

Through the Parish Mobile App we hope you become more engaged in and with the parish. We can now connect with you wherever you may be. Download the app to your smart phone or tablet today! iPhone Users text ParishApp1 to 555888 or Android Users text ParishApp2 to 555888. Then, select Our Mother of Perpetual Help as your parish. Remember to set your message settings. It's as simple as that. The parish can always be in the palm of your hand.



INVEST JUST FIVE MINUTES A DAY, AND YOUR

FAITH WILL DEEPEN AND GROW—A DAY AT A TIME.

Visit our website, www.omoph.org, and look for the Take Five for Faith page where you will find daily reflections.

In the Words of Pope Francis:

“With God, the burdens of life rest not upon our shoulders alone: the Holy Spirit comes to give us strength, to encourage us, to bear our burdens.”

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, September 9

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
10:30 am	Monday Morning Prayer Group (WC)	OP GA
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SVdP)	OP GA

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 am	Mass	F C
---------	------	-----

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
---------	------	-------

Thursday, September 12

9:00 am	Mass	F C
6:30 pm	Women's Society Meeting (WS)	OP GA

Friday, September 13

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
---------	------	-------

Saturday, September 14

4:30 pm	Mass—Blessing of Catechists	F C
---------	-----------------------------	-----

Sunday, September 15

9:00 am	Mass—Blessing of Catechists	OP C
11:00 am	Mass—Blessing of Catechists	F C

PLEASE NOTE: CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE—

**THE COMPLETE CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE (WWW.OMOPH.ORG) AND MOBILE APP**

OP—Oak Park; OP C—Church;

OP CH—Chapel;

OP S—School; OP GA—Gathering Area;

OP BH—Bradley Hall; OP CR—Counting Room

F—Ferndale F C— Church

F GA—Gathering Area

**Key to abbreviations of Council, Commissions and Organizations
sponsoring the events listed above:**

Councils and Commissions: CSC—Christian Service Commission;

FC—Finance Council; FFC—Faith Formation Commission

PC—Parish Council; WC—Worship Commission

Parish Organizations: 50+—50+ Club; MO—Men's Organization;

SVdP—St. Vincent de Paul; WS—Women's Society

Remember to visit our website—

www.omoph.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
 Monday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Wednesday: Patriot Day
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Friday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

SAINT CYPRIAN

September 11. Saint Cyprian played an important role in the development of Christian thought and practice in the early Church. He was a noted speaker who became a Christian as an adult. He was ordained a priest within two years of his conversion and was then chosen the Bishop of Carthage.

MOST HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 12. This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus; both have the possibility of uniting people easily divided on other matters. Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

September 15. The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul, and Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple. The two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE BY PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND OTHER CHURCH PERSONNEL

Persons with such complaints are encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities. Contact the Department of Attorney General through their **investigation hotline at 844-324-3374** (M-F, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.).

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: (866) 343-8055. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, *really* following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "*his own cross*" — and for the need even to "*hate*" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. *"This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"*

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP—UPCOMING EVENTS, INFO AND NEWS

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the 2019 CSA Campaign. We Have Reached Our Target. **However, we still need over \$18,000 to meet our budgeted amount for CSA.** If you have not contributed or made your pledge and want to help the parish in addition to your weekly offertory donating to CSA is the way to do it. Anything donated from this point forward stays in the parish!

Pledge cards are available at the welcome desk or the parish office.

OUR MEN’S ORGANIZATION

INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE



Sunday, September 8, 2019
Noon—4:30pm
at Red Geary Park in Ferndale
(Pinecrest north of 9 Mile)

UPDATE FROM OUR SOCIETY

OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

For the first 6 months of this year, our conference has helped 101 families. The majority of our cases have been Oak Park residents asking for assistance with water bills to prevent shut-offs. Many of these families have young children and you can only imagine the deplorable conditions living in a home without water. They also face eviction because the City considers a home without water uninhabitable.

Other assistance went to families for rent, DTE Energy bills, and miscellaneous vital needs. The Food Bank distributes food to those requesting it. Vouchers are given to our clients for clothing and household items from the Thrift Store. The need is great and ongoing. Since we no longer receive St. Vincent de Paul envelopes our donations have fallen off considerably and we have had to decrease our help to our friends in the community who because of unemployment, illness or other misfortune are unable to cover their expenses. We urge you to find it in your heart to contribute whatever amount you can each month by placing your contribution in an envelope marked SVdP and putting it in the collection basket. Bless you for all you've done and for all you can continue to do. We need your help to help others.

St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk—Our annual Friends Walk will be held on Sat. Sept. 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the beautiful Belle Isle State Park. This annual event is a fund raiser for the SVdP conferences and all monies raised stay in their parish. This is an exciting and fun event and if you would like to participate please call Christine at 248-398-2544 or Janet at 248-541-2596. If you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, please place it in an envelope marked SVdP Friends Walk and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

Our conference is proud to report we recently received an Award for Excellence plaque from the District Council for the performance of our conference. We welcome you to join us at our meetings. We normally meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering area in Oak Park.



REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR THE 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM

Classes will meet from 9:00 am to Noon on the first Saturday on each month beginning on September 7th and ending on the first Saturday of May.

There is a two year prep for students preparing to receive a Sacrament.

The tuition is: \$30.00 for one student, \$45.00 for two students same family, \$60.00 for three or more same family.

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk at each Worship Location. **For more information please contact Natalie LaCroix at (248)374-9045.**



Welcome back to those who wish to participate in the Monday Morning Prayer Group. We will resume meeting on Monday morning

September 9th, 2019 at 10:30 to noon.

We would be pleased to have you join us!

100th Anniversary

On Sunday, Oct. 20th, at the 11am Mass, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. James Church in Ferndale.

Please plan to join us in thanksgiving to God. Please help us spread the word to former parishioners and alumni of St. James School. For further information or to assist in preparations, please contact Dorothy McLaren at: dtmatmmkm@sbcglobal.net.

ATTENTION: WOMEN’S SOCIETY



This Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m., when we will begin our 2019-2020 meeting season!

The \$5 dues will also be collected. We will have our usual main course of pizza with sides provided by the officers. So, we the officers, hope to see you on Thurs., Sept. 12th in the Oak Park Gathering Area.

SINCE 1906

Sullivan & Son

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Every life is unique. Its celebration should be too.

Royal Oak 248-541-7000
Utica 586-731-2411

www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

ALL ABOUT PLUMBING

(248) 542-7850

\$20.00 OFF
any plumbing work

catholicmatch®

Michigan

CatholicMatch.com/MI

HANSEN'S AUTO CENTER

8210 W. 9 Mile Rd.
Oak Park, MI

QUALITY AUTO REPAIR
Jim Hansen

398-1334 • 398-0408

Sawyer-Fuller
Funeral Home

Burial/Cremation Services

(248) 398-6500

2125 Twelve Mile Rd. • Berkley, MI
www.sawyerfuller.com

Manzo EYE CARE

David L. Manzo, M.D. Ophthalmologist
KATHRYN A. BARUCH, O.D. Optometrist

- General Ophthalmology • Laser Vision Correction • Expert Contact Lens Fitting
- Cataract/Implant Surgery • Glaucoma • Pediatric Eye Exams • Optical Shop

621 West 11 Mile Road • Royal Oak, MI 48067 • 248-541-4200 • www.manzoeyecare.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Tim Griffith** to place an ad today!
tgriffith@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6441**

L.J. RODGERS
Home Improvements, LLC
ROOFING & SIDING

- Trim & Seamless Gutters
- Storm & Replacement Windows

(248) 399-1233
www.ljrogers.com
Huntington Woods & Farmington Hills
0% Financing available to qualified buyers

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowners Insurance discount.

CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501

HOME SECURITY TEAM
ADT AUTHORIZED DEALER

Mary Weatherston, Ph.D. PLC

Licensed Psychologist
PTSD (Military & Civilian)
Life Changes
Depression & Anxiety

725 South Adams, Ste. 244
Birmingham, MI 48009

248-642-2411

L.J. RODGERS
Home Improvements, LLC
ROOFING & SIDING

- Trim & Seamless Gutters
- Storm & Replacement Windows

(248) 399-1233
www.ljrogers.com
Huntington Woods & Farmington Hills
0% Financing available to qualified buyers

See What's in Store!

JEWELRY • ROSARIES • BOOKS AND MORE

www.parishstore.com

W & W Wessels & Wilk
FUNERAL HOME
Over 50 Years Family Owned & Operated

23960 Woodward Ave
248.543.0100
wesselsandwilk.com

QUALITY, PRICE & LOCATION
John & Steven Wilk, Directors *Dedicated To Those We Serve*

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

• Full Time Position with Benefits
• Sales Experience Preferred
• Paid Training
• Overnight Travel Required
• Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

Sahara Restaurant & Grill
Dine - In • Banquets • Catering
Carry Out • Delivery

24770 Coolidge Hwy, Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 399-7744
saharaoakpark@gmail.com
The Original Sahara Since 1981

Plumbing? Sewer? Drain Problems? ... We Can Help

WATERWORK PLUMBING

\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE

(248) 542-8022
WaterWorkPlumbing.com

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
Licensed & Insured Master Plumber

This Space is Available

WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

• Full Time Position with Benefits
• Sales Experience Preferred
• Paid Training
• Overnight Travel Required
• Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

Spaulding & Curtin
Funeral Directors L.L.C. • www.spauldingcurtin.com

544-0500 • On Nine Mile between Woodward and Livernois in Ferndale

PATRICK J. CURTIN KEVIN B. CURTIN (1960-2007) CONNIE PADUCHOWSKI, MANAGER

"A Family Commitment of Funeral Service to the Community Since 1927."