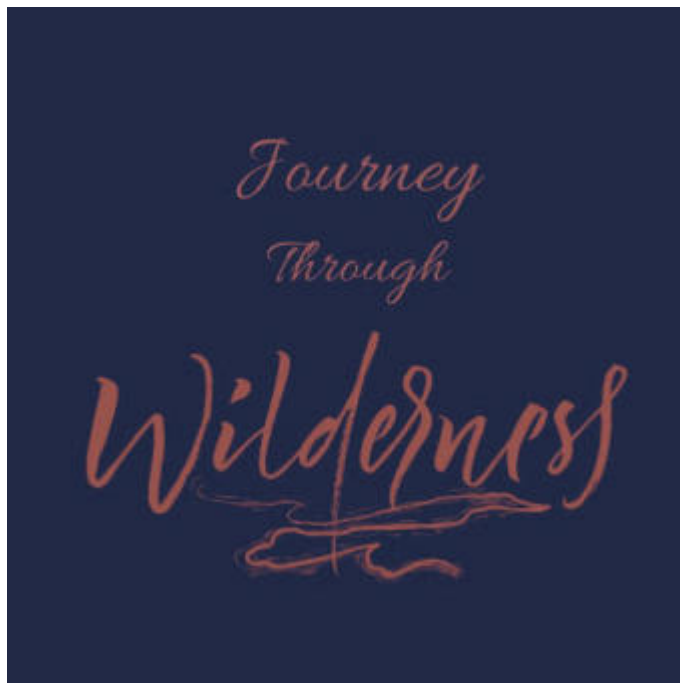




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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

1 MARCH 2020—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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Pastor

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 PM Oak Park

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*

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, DRÉ at 248.374.9045



Saturday, February 29, 2020

Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. – Oak Park

Jim Podzikowski by Family

Frank Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach

Adam and Violet Bone by the Bone Family

Elizabeth Samocha by Robert and Shirley Peters

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. – Oak Park

Chet Mackiewicz by Miki Mackiewicz,

11:00 a.m. – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by Daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Monday, March 2, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Oak Park

Souls in Purgatory by Lay Apostles Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

9 a.m. – Ferndale

James and Joseph “Jim” Galvin, Sr. –

by their sister, Rosemary Etue

Millie Dobry by Sandi and Bob Shepard and Family

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Oak Park

Rev. Jerome L. Kreig (2004)

Cecilia Ferrer – 10th Anniversary of Death by Leonor and Cora

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:00 p.m. – Oak Park

Marie and Alfred R. Lynch by Margaret “Peggy” Lynch

Andy Doman by Margaret “Peggy” Lynch

Friday, March 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Oak Park

Anthony Meo by the Family

John J. Petroci by the Family

Stanley Malloy by the Family

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. – Oak Park

Jim Podzikowski by the Family

Anthony, Lottie, Dennis, Lorraine and Cindy Ura by Mary Ura

John, Leocadia, Vincent, Arthur, Joan and Maryann Brys

by Mary Ura

Arthur and Kate Zbiegien by Mary Ura

Edmund L. Ura – 21st Anniversary of Death – by Mary Ura

Marie Farrell, Recovery, by Miki and Barbara

Elizabeth Samocha by Robert and Shirley Peters Family

Carmela Tocco by Pat Koykka Family

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. – Oak Park

Betty Scrimger by the Scrimger Family

11:00 a.m. – Ferndale Location

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Jack Moran – 95th Birthday on March 9 – by his Family

Fred Dery – 10th Anniversary of Death –

by The Dery and Allison Families

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 omophparish@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, Christine Carter, Chuck Yodhes, Marilyn Serapiglia, Michael Churillia, Victor Churillia, Mary Wolski, Yvonne Koury, Marie Farrell

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

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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?

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Offertory for FY 2019-2020:

	Feb. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$14,621	\$174,742
Over/(Under) Prior Year (\$2,636)		(\$16,565)
Over/(Under) Budget (\$2,226)		(\$16,181)
Week of 02-16-2020	Offertory: \$4,548	

2019 CSA: GOAL: \$41,697

TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 02-17-2020: \$110,345 (265% OF GOAL)

TOTAL PAID AS OF 02-17-2020: \$107,372

PAID OVER/(UNDER) GOAL: \$65,675

OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET: \$40,675

IF ALL PLEDGED AMOUNTS ARE PAID, OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET: \$43,648

PLEDGE COUNT: 145 of which 132 pledges fully paid

**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 Dept. 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.

DO YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES A DAY?

Check out Take Five for Faith on our website.



In the Words of Pope Francis:

Let us pray to the Lord that he may move hearts and that all may overcome the logic of confrontation, hatred and revenge in order to rediscover themselves as brothers, children of one Father

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, March 2

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, March 3

9:00 am	Mass	F C
7:00 pm	Men's Organization Meeting (MO)	OP GA

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer (WC)	OP

Thursday, March 5

11:00 am	50+ Club Meeting (50+)	OP GA
7:00 pm	Mass	OP CH

Friday, March 6

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
Noon	Bulletin deadline Mar. 15 edition	
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (WC)	F C

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am	Religious Formation Classes (FFC)	OP GA
4:30 pm	Mass	OP C

Sunday, Mar 8

9:00 am	Mass	OP C
11:00 am	Mass	F C
1:00 pm	Practice for Characters in Dramatic Stations of the Cross	F C

NOTE: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - BY GRACE

Holy Lord, your Son modeled perfect trust in you and did for us what we could not do for ourselves. Through him you recreate the work of your hands. With your Spirit as our teacher and guide, help us answer your call to mercy, justice, trust, and love. We will always struggle to follow the example of your Son, to entrust our lives to you in faith and obedience. Forgive us when we fail to resist the lure of sin. Make us quick to forgive others. Humble us when we think we no longer need your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 - OUR OWN DESERTS

Today's Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11. Each reading today keeps us mindful of our need for God. After breathing life into human beings, God placed them in a rich, fertile garden where all their needs were met. Enticed by the possibility that they might exceed their limitations, the man and woman seize the chance to decide for themselves what will make them safe and happy.

St. Paul discusses how sin spread from the first human beings to each new generation. Everyone experiences evil in some form, and because all of us sin, we participate in and extend the reach of evil. Sin is thus inescapable, as inescapable as its ultimate repercussion, death. Into the midst of our hopeless situation comes God's grace, "the gracious gift" of Jesus Christ.

Jesus models perfect trust and obedience. There in the desert he humbly depends upon God's word rather than his arguments as he withstands the devil's attempts to make him meet his needs, test God's love, and claim lordship over the world without first laying down his life for it.

These temptations are particular to Jesus. We face our trials and temptations. The readings remind us that we cannot overcome them by ourselves. Lent is thus a time when we not only try to resist sin, we discover how much we need God to help us.

MONDAY, MARCH 2 - BE HOLY

God wants his people to be holy, the Lord tells Moses in the reading from Leviticus. They are to be a just and compassionate community, a people worthy of his name. God's expectations as we hear them in the Gospel are not substantially different. Those whom God brings into his kingdom have set themselves apart by loving other people in concrete ways. Choose a Corporal Work of Mercy to perform this week. Today's Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 - POWERFUL WORDS

When God speaks, things change. When our prayer is guided by the spirit of Christ, our words become part of God's life-changing action in the world. Because we do not always know how to pray, Jesus tells us to put God's Kingdom first, to ask God to meet our basic needs, and to make us more like God, who is the very source of forgiveness and who triumphs over evil. Practice the life-changing mercy of God by praying for someone you are struggling to forgive. Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 - RESISTANCE

Jonah preached to foreigners, yet the entire people accepted his prophetic warning and repented. Jesus, by contrast, is among his own people, and they are rejecting him and all he embodies. Sometimes we simply do not want to repent. God calls us to change in some way, but we resist. We ask for more time, we want proof that we have to change, or we tell ourselves that God isn't challenging us after all. What part of ourselves most needs to change? Today turn that part of yourself over to God. Today's Readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Esther prays for the protection of her people, who had just been sentenced to a collective death. Her grief-filled prayer is fervent and trusting, and God answers it. Esther models the prayer Jesus urges us to offer. We are to pray with hope, compassion, and persistence. God is eager to share his goodness with us. If it seems that God is not answering your prayers, ask him why. Today's Readings: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - WORSHIP AND JUSTICE

Ezekiel addresses complaints that God is punishing people for the sins of their ancestors. The prophet responds that the people themselves have sinned. These sins, enumerated right before this passage, include acts of injustice. The people have not only failed to worship God, they have also failed to care for their neighbor. Worship and justice are inseparable, as we learn again in the Gospel passage. What gift of justice or reconciliation can you offer to God this Sunday? Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Perpetua and Felicity were killed in the early third century because they had become Christians. Despite the violence that awaited them, both women and their companions remained steadfast in their new faith. By their martyrdom, they became "sacred to the Lord." Their courageous witness in the face of persecution inspired others to accept Christianity. Watch for the chance to be a courageous witness by responding with loving kindness toward someone who seems undeserving. Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48.

UPCOMING EVENTS, INFO AND NEWS

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
LENT 2020**

JOURNEY THROUGH WILDERNESS

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross

7pm in Ferndale
Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27

Wednesday Evening Prayer


7pm in Oak Park
Mar. 4, 11, 25, Apr. 1, Apr. 8

Reconciliation/Healing Mass—Thursday, Apr. 2

7pm in Ferndale

Penance Service—Monday, Apr. 6

7pm in Oak Park



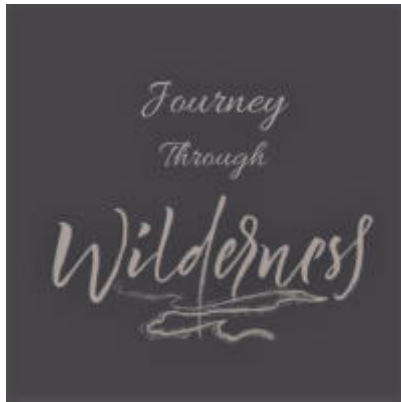
Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Our hope is that everyone will participate in this prayer time. These prayer and devotion services will have a simple structure and will be guided by church staff and members of the parish.



We invite you to come alone, organize a group of friends to attend with you, or invite someone who may need a ride to come with you.



**50+ CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5 AT 11:00 AM
OAK PARK GATHERING AREA
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

"Tis a great day for the Irish" (and to be Irish for a day). All seniors come and join in the fun. Wear green and enjoy an Irish tunes sing-along, delicious green snacks and good ole fun. May the wind be at your back and blow you into our meeting.

**MEN'S ORGANIZATION INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND
STIR FRY NIGHT**

Saturday, March 14 in the Oak Park Gathering Area after the 4:30 Liturgy

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY, MEN'S ORGANIZATION AND 50+ CLUB

**INVITE EVERYONE TO
SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Lent Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 18
6:30 pm in the Oak Park Gathering Area



DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PRACTICE FOR CHARACTERS

IN THE PRODUCTION

BEGINS MARCH 1

Sundays 1pm—7pm
March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
in the church building in Ferndale

*Performance of Production 7pm Friday, April 3
in the church building in Ferndale*

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY

BABY ITEMS COLLECTION

Through Palm Sunday you have the opportunity to donate new and gently used baby items (newborn to 12 months) to be given to Pregnancy Centers e.g. Project Hope, Giana House. Thank you in advance for your generosity to mothers, their unborn and their newly born.



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