



# OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

8 MARCH 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**GUIDELINES FROM  
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT  
WHICH OUR MOTHER  
OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH HAS ADOPTED**

As a Church, one of our sacred duties is to look after the health and safety of the community gathered each day for worship and prayer in our parishes. Part of that duty is to help prevent and respond to infectious diseases that may be in the community. In light of growing concerns about the coronavirus and its effects on those who have contracted the disease, as directed by the Archdiocese, our parish has implemented the following precautionary measures, until further notice, to help prevent the transmission of any virus:

- We urge you, the faithful, to stay home from Mass if you are experiencing any signs of illness. Please know that in this cold/flu season, and especially in light of concerns about coronavirus, an individual does not commit any sin by avoiding Mass to protect others from potential spread of illness.
- For those who do attend Mass, we have suspended the practice of shaking hands during the Sign of Peace or elsewhere, and of holding hands during the Our Father.
- All holy water fonts have been emptied and cleaned.
- We have suspended offering parishioners the Cup of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Eucharist, out of an abundance of caution. Please know that the Consecrated Host is the full Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, meaning an individual does not need to receive from the Cup in order to achieve full Communion with Christ.

Please know that we and the Archdiocese of Detroit have been, and will continue to, monitor news concerning the coronavirus. The Archdiocese is preparing for any potential impact on our parishes, schools, and other ministries, and will follow any recommendations from local, state and federal officials. In the event the virus is detected locally, we will communicate detailed plans and provide further assistance.

**Rev. Paul F. Chateau,**  
**Pastor**

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**10am—3pm Mon—Fri**

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Parish Website

www.omoph.org

### 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, March 7, 2020**

**Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent**

**4:30 p.m. – Oak Park**

Jim Podzikowski by his 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  
 Carmela Tocco by Pat Koykka and Family

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 a.m. – Oak Park**

Betty Scrimger by the Scrimger Family  
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

**11:00 a.m. – Ferndale**

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

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. - Oak Park**

Larry Iacoboni – 2nd Anniversary of Death – by Sue Iacoboni

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**9 a.m. – Ferndale**

Healing of Rhett Dupke by Ed and Judy Dupke  
 James Joseph “Jim” Galvin, Sr. by his Sister Rosemary Etue

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. - Oak Park**

Souls in Purgatory by Lay Apostles Prayer Group

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. – Ferndale**

John Sobeck by Ivla Sobeck and Family  
 Eternal Happiness of George Nicoletti by June Nicoletti

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. - Oak Park**

Joe Rosati – 25th Anniversary of Death – by Sue Iacoboni

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Lent**

**4:30 p.m. – Oak Park**

Joseph and Helen Meo by the Family  
 Carlos Sommer by the Family  
 Enright Kroetsch by the Family  
 Joseph Mihelich by Barbara Schoenbach  
 Jim Podzikowski by his Family  
 Patrick Callahan – 4th Anniversary of Death  
 by the Callahan Family  
 Sylvia Lukas by Kathleen and Richard Caprio

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 a.m. – Oak Park**

Tony Ciambelli – 1st Anniversary of Death – by Grace Ciambelli  
 Leonard and Linda Piasta – 35th Wedding Anniversary –  
 by the Family  
 Rita Kissick – 8th Anniversary of Death –  
 by Caren and Jerry Kissick  
 Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson  
 Jandy Mangubat by Jan Michael Mangubat  
 Marie Farrell by a Friend

**11:00 a.m. – Ferndale**

Deceased and Living members of the Kemling  
 and Baracka Families by Dolly Kemling  
 Michael and Sara Rayis by Muneer Rayis  
 Marie McLaughlin by James and Colleen Giovanni

**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

**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**

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**Offertory for FY 2019-2020:**

	<b>Feb. TD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Offertory Amount</b>	\$18,615	\$178,737
<b>Over/(Under) Prior Year (\$4,777)</b>		<b>(\$18,706)</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Budget (\$3,847)</b>		<b>(\$17,802)</b>
<b>Week of 02-23-2020</b>	Offertory: \$3,994	

2019 CSA: GOAL: \$41,697

TOTAL PLEDGED AS OF 02-24-2020: \$110,835 (266% OF GOAL)

TOTAL PAID AS OF 02-24-2020: \$107,992

PAID OVER/(UNDER) GOAL: \$66,295

OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET: \$41,295

**IF ALL PLEDGED AMOUNTS ARE PAID, OVER/(UNDER) BUDGET: \$44,138**

**PLEDGE COUNT: 145 of which 133 pledges fully paid**

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

**O**ur 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.

**O**ur 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.

**O**ur 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](http://www.omoph.org), or call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING DAILY FOR LENT?  
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR  
A DAILY LENTEN CHALLENGE?  
DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH MOBILE APP**

**In the Words of Pope Francis:**

*“Lent is a time to give up useless words, gossip, rumors, tittle-tattle and speak to God on a first name basis. We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words, ... Today, people insult each other as if they were saying, ‘Good Day.’”*

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, March 9**

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
10:30 am	Monday Morning Prayer Group (WC)	OP GA
6:30 pm	Worship Commission Meeting (WC)	OP GA

**Tuesday, March 10**

9:00 am	Mass	F C
7:00 pm	Peace & Justice Meeting	OP GA

**Wednesday, March 11**

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

**Thursday, March. 12**

9:00 am	Mass	F C
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**Friday, March 13**

9:00 am	Mass	OP CH
Noon	Bulletin deadline Mar. 22 edition	
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (WC)	F C

**Saturday, March 14**

4:30 pm	Mass	OP C
5:30 pm	Stir Fry Night (MO)	OP GA

**Sunday, March 15**

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

**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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - LISTEN TO HIM**

*Heavenly Father, by turning to your Son in faith and answering his call to holiness, all the communities of the earth find blessing. Help us listen to your beloved Son, especially when other voices also call out to us. Attune our ears to the words he speaks. Open our hearts in mercy, humility, compassion, and love. Give us courage and wisdom to set forth from places that are familiar and go where you send us, to walk steadily forward, confident that our final destination is your eternal kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020 - MOVING FORWARD**

Today's Readings: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9. The beginning of Abram's story is the beginning of the covenant relationship between humankind and God. Abram, who barely knows the Lord at this point, decides to trust this mysterious God. He leaves all that is familiar to him to set out for a new homeland. He would face frightening challenges along the way, but he would continue to trust in God's hidden plan.

Peter should have known God far better than Abram ever did. Peter spent months with God's own Son, yet this disciple had no clearer idea of where God was leading them than Abram did. When Jesus is transformed, Peter thinks the end of the ages has come, the decisive turning point in human history when God raises up the just and glorifies his chosen one. In response, Peter stops going forward. He suggests they all stay on that mountain. He does not understand that Jesus still faces the hardest part of his mission. Peter also is yet to realize his mission and cross.

In our Second Reading, we hear that God's grace has been manifest and our salvation brought to light. Nevertheless, the way forward may often be unclear. We may fear what lies ahead. Lent is a time to share those fears with God and to draw strength from the season's disciplines and from the witness of others so that we will "bear our share of hardship" and keep moving forward.

**MONDAY, MARCH 9 - GOD'S STANDARD**

The prayer in the First Reading confesses the failure of God's people to stay faithful to him. When they behaved no better than other nations, God let his people be scattered among those nations. God demands that his people live by a higher standard, as we hear in the Gospel passage. God, whose mercy overflows, expects us to treat others with that same remarkable compassion. In what specific way can you share God's compassion today? Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - REVERSALS**

Isaiah's warning is vivid: God will allow his people to be struck down if they do not repent of their wrongdoing, leaving them as blood-red as their sins. Jesus also speaks about reversals: true disciples serve others rather than seek honor and privileges for themselves. Make a list of people who radically changed their lives for Christ. What do their stories teach you? Today's Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16b–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - MISUNDERSTOOD**

Jesus and Jeremiah both spoke for God and suffered greatly for it. Jeremiah laments that his enemies are waiting for him to speak one wrong word so that they can declare him a false prophet and get rid of him. Jesus tells how he, too, will be rejected by his people. Jesus' words seem lost on his disciples, who want the very honor and glory that he warns them against seeking. Perhaps they simply did not like what Jesus was telling them. What is Jesus saying to you that you find hard to accept? Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - WHAT IS IN OUR HEARTS?**

God knows what is in our hearts far better than we do. God knows who is growing in holiness and who is dying "in a lava waste." The rich man never bothered to probe his heart, much less open it in love to Lazarus. Even in death, the rich man puts himself before the beggar, for he asks Abraham to send Lazarus for water, as if Lazarus were a servant. Open your heart to God. Ask God to show you the people you fail to love and what you can do to serve them. Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - THE END OF REJECTION**

Despite the terrible action his brothers take, Joseph eventually forgives them and even saves them during a famine. The religious leaders who try to arrest Jesus might also have envied him because the crowds were surrounding Jesus instead of them. Finally, these leaders get rid of Jesus, only to hear that he rose from the dead. It was not too late for them to be forgiven and to share in the new life God offered in his Son. Pray for or talk with someone who needs to hear that God loves and forgives them. Today's Readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - PRODIGAL LOVE**

Our God who delights in clemency is like the father who watches for his younger son's return. The father's love is extravagant. First, he pours love out on the son who took from him and left, and then he pours his love upon the son who speaks of him with resentment and contempt. We are far stingier with our love, preferring to love only those who seem to deserve it. Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rejoice that God shows his love abundantly. Today's Readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, INFO AND NEWS

## SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP EVENTS LENT 2020

### JOURNEY THROUGH WILDERNESS

#### Wednesday Evening Prayer

7pm in Oak Park

Mar. 11 and 25

[NO PRAYER SERVICE ON Mar. 18]

Apr. 1 and 8

#### Friday Evening Stations of the Cross

7pm in Ferndale

Mar. 13, 20, and 27

#### Reconciliation/Healing Mass—Thursday, Apr. 2

7pm in Ferndale

#### Penance Service—Monday, Apr. 6

7pm in Oak Park



**O**ur 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.

**W**e 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.

**THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY, MEN'S  
ORGANIZATION AND 50+ CLUB  
INVITE EVERYONE TO  
TO ATTEND THE  
ANNUAL LENT SOUP SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18  
IN THE OAK PARK GATHERING AREA  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
SOUP WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM**



Please, remember to bring a soup bowl and spoon to this gathering. This year's free will offerings will go to the Our Mother of Perpetual Help's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which serves our neighbors in need in Royal Oak Twp., Oak Park and Ferndale.

Representatives from St. Vincent de Paul will be at the soup supper to familiarize us with the services that are provided through our OMoPH Conference.

**VISIT THE LENTEN PAGES ON OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.OMOPH.ORG](http://WWW.OMOPH.ORG)**

You'll find our schedule of worship events, daily scripture reflections, music, prayers, recipes, the stations of the cross, ideas of things to do for Lent and more.

### DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRACTICE FOR CHARACTERS IN THE PRODUCTION

Sundays 1pm—7pm

March 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 COLLECTION OF BABY ITEMS FOR PROJECT HOPE AND GIANA HOUSE

You may donate new and gently used baby items (newborn to 12 months) through Palm Sunday. Look for the collection areas at each worship location. Thank you in advance for your generosity to mothers, their unborn and their newly born.

### MEN'S ORGANIZATION INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND

#### STIR FRY NIGHT

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



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