



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

27 DECEMBER 2020
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
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and Service to Others*

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Parish Website

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Mass Schedule

*Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale*

***MASKS MUST BE WORN
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TO 75 PEOPLE***

*Please visit our website
www.omoph.org
for COVID 19 Guidelines*

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



2021 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please wear a mask when you come to pick them up.



Saturday, December 26, 2020

Vigil of the Feast of

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Rev. William Lucken (2016)

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Jim Podzikowski by Family

Kent Schoenbach by Barbara Schoenbach

Blanquita (Chit) Valdepenas by Rose Picis and Family

Tom Farrell by Marie Farrell

Joe Farrell, Sr. by Marie Farrell

Gail Foster by Joan Cottrell

Al Smith by Joan Cottrell

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family

George and Gaynell Kearns by Barbara Theriault

Monday, December 28, 2020

Rev. Thomas J. Duffey (2007)

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Rev. Ronald F. Milligan (2014)

Bernard J. McCormick—34th Anniversary of Death—
by Neil McCormick

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Rev. Thomas Esper (2017)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Msgr. William H. Easton (2013)

Friday, January 1, 2021

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

Saturday, January 2, 2021

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

Msgr. Joseph V. Pfeiffer (1975)

Sunday, January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Jim Podzikowski by Family

Rev. Ferdinand A. Wolber (2009)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Thanksgiving for healing of grandson Rhett

by Ed and Judy Dupke

Nancy by her children and their 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.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

Jim Podzikowski, David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes, Marilyn Serapiglia, Bernard Leke

Pray for 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, HM2 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?

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - THE WHOLE FAMILY

God our Father, you entrusted your Son to Joseph and Mary, who readily accepted all that came into their lives. They responded with humility and faithfulness to the future you envisioned for them. Help us imitate their fidelity to you and to each other. Favor us with wisdom, goodness, and peace. Strengthen your love within us, within our homes, and within our faith communities so that we may embrace all that comes into our lives and welcome the future you envision for us and for the whole human family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 - INSPIRING HOLINESS

Today's Readings: Genesis 15:1–6; 21:1–3 or Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; Hebrews 11:8, 11–12, 17–19 or Colossians 3:12–21; Luke 2:22–40. Although we use the word holy to refer to someone who is good or pious, the term literally means that someone or something is “set apart” for God. God set Abraham apart by making him the father of countless descendants. However, did God choose Abraham because Abraham was good, or did God's promises call forth goodness from Abraham?

When it comes to Mary and Joseph, it may seem obvious that they were good and pious, but Jesus' parents must have also grown in holiness as they faced the unique task of raising God's Son. God also called forth holiness in Simeon and Anna when he inspired them to prophesy about the child Jesus. Jesus, too, though set apart by his divine nature, also “grew and became strong” as God called forth holiness from him.

In what ways is God calling forth holiness from us? Perhaps we must care for aging parents or work with a difficult sibling or child. Perhaps we are struggling to treat a member of Christ's body with compassion, humility, or patience. In such moments, God calls forth holiness from us. When we allow that goodness to flow forth, we inspire holiness in others. By God's grace and the examples of holiness that we offer each other, we become more fully the holy family of God.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 - FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Herod shed the blood of others in order to protect his reign. Jesus shed his own blood in order to bring others into his reign. One viciously protected himself and his power, while the other readily surrendered it. Each day we, too, act in ways that are ultimately death-dealing or life-giving. What must we do to make sure that each day we turn away from darkness and toward the light and life of Christ? Today's Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2–3, 4–5, 7b–8; Matthew 2:13–18.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 - STEPPING INTO THE LIGHT

While fulfilling the requirements of the Jewish Law, Jesus' parents encounter Simeon, who prophesies that God's love incarnate has illuminated the world. When confronted by the light of Christ, however, people too often prefer the darkness. We keep walking in our self-righteousness, greed, or anger. Spend some time reflecting on Jesus' commandment to love one another. To whom can you show greater love this week? Today's Readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6; Luke 2:22–35.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 - FAVOR

God favored the prophets Simeon and Anna with insight into the child Jesus. God especially favored his Son, who grew in wisdom and strength. God likewise favors those who follow his Son, bestowing upon them knowledge, victory over evil, and eternal life. St. John exhorts us to cling to God's favor and resist favoring the things of the world. What particular favor could you do for someone as a way of celebrating the favor that God has shown us all? Today's Readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - CHOOSING FAITH

We speak of our faith as a gift, but we must choose to accept this gift. In both readings for today, we hear that some people did not accept God's gift of grace and truth in Jesus. As we try to understand why people abandon their faith, we gain insight by reflecting on our moments of doubt. What circumstances have challenged your faith? Bring your reflections into a prayer for those who are struggling in similar ways. Today's Readings: 1 John 2:18–21; Psalm 96:1–2, 11–12, 13; John 1:1–18.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The blessing that Aaron gave the Israelites was incarnated in Jesus. God now blesses us by filling our hearts with the Spirit of his Son. As Jesus' mother, Mary physically bore that blessing within herself, rightly earning the title “Mother of God.” Mary emerged from humble origins to be the most revered woman in the Church. Make a list of all the titles for Mary that you can think of. Choose one or two of them, and learn why that title came to be used for our Lady. Today's Readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 - ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN

“Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you.” John the Baptist prepared people to follow and remain with Jesus. St. Basil and St. Gregory helped the Church to remain steadfast in faith by giving brilliant and compelling testimony about Jesus. What testimony have you received about Jesus that helps you remain with him? Today's Readings: 1 John 2:22–28; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

DECEMBER 27—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH—

A LIGHT TO ALL NATIONS

This Sunday's gospel reading (Lk 2:22-40) of the Feast of the Holy Family begins with Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus entering the Temple in Jerusalem. According to the Law, a mother was to perform a ceremonial purification ritual to end her uncleanness after giving birth to a child (Lv 12:1-8). The mother waited a period of thirty-three days after her first-born son's circumcision to perform the purification rite. There was an offering of a yearling lamb or the offering of the poor of two turtledoves or two young pigeons. The offering of the doves or pigeons was that one dove or pigeon was offered at the holocaust of the Temple and the second dove or pigeon was for a sin offering to the priest. Half of the yearly lamb was sacrificed at the holocaust and the second half was offered as a sin offering. Also, according to the Law, the first-born male would be consecrated to the Lord (Ex 13:1-16) and needed to be redeemed by paying a ransom of five shekels (Nm 18:15-16) to the Temple.

We read that Mary performed the purification ritual with an offer of the poor and Jesus was consecrated to the Lord and ransomed back from the Lord by Mary and Joseph according to the Law.

At the Temple there was a just and pious man named Simeon who had the Holy Spirit upon him and was waiting for the consolation of Israel. Simeon would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus are at the Temple performing the customary rituals according to the Law. Simeon takes Jesus in his arms and blesses God with "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the people to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." Simeon comes to the revelation that this infant Jesus is the Anointed of the Lord. Simeon goes on to say to Mary that, "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed - and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." When Simeon lifted up Jesus to the Lord with his blessing, he is now ready for the end of his life in peace and the infant Jesus is now just beginning his life and future. This child will bring light and life to all the people to see and to both the Gentiles and the people of Israel. Simeon's words to Mary stated there will be opposition and discord to her child and that she will also as an individual be touched by a discriminating judgement upon Israel.

Also at the Jerusalem Temple was the prophetess Anna who was constantly worshipping day and night in fasting and prayer. Coming on the scene she also gives thanks to God and talks about this child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. The prophetess Anna is spreading to all the word about this child Jesus.

This gospel ends with Jesus, Mary and Joseph returning to Nazareth and of Jesus growing in size, strength, filled with wisdom and God's grace was upon him.

In his consolation of Israel, Simeon brings to light of God's saving deed in the birth of his only begotten Son and this saving deed is for all people. Anna waiting for the deliverance of Jerusalem is a prophetic voice in proclaiming this infant Jesus to all she spoke.

During this Christmas season, and the Christmas season does not end the morning of December 26, proclaim God's saving deed by the birth of His Son, Jesus. Live in the light of Christ that has been revealed to all and to you. Keep the spirit of hope, faith, joy, and peace. Pray for God's grace, blessing, and peace upon all families. Pray for those who are sick and suffering and especially those who are dying of Covid-19. Pray for family members who grieve and mourn. Our prayers can be our gift to those we pray for. The light has arrived!

By Leonard Piasta, Faith Formation Chairperson



R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.



SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

	Dec. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$9,264	\$104,748
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$3,185)	(\$19,858)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$736)	(\$15,252)
Week of 12-13-2020	Offertory: \$3,640	
On-line giving totaled \$3,010.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket envelopes totaled \$6,254.00 for a grand total for 2 weeks of December deposits is \$9,264.00.		

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$33,695.00
 AS OF 12-14-2020: 104 PLEDGES RECEIVED;
 95 FULLY PAID
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$45,280.00
 TOTAL PAID: \$42,113.34
 REFUND DUE PARISH: \$8,418.34

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING FUTURE DONATIONS TO CSA TO AID OUR STRUGGLING PARISH

The Good News is that we made our 2020 CSA Goal. The bad news is that as a parish we are struggling to recover from the dire financial effects of the pandemic. To give you a snapshot please consider the following information:
 For this fiscal year, parish weekly donations are lower than last year (see above)
 lower than our budget (see above)

The Good News is that now that the CSA goal has been met, 100% of your future CSA donations will fully aid the parish. If you want to help the parish and get the biggest bang for your buck we ask that you consider making all future donations to CSA, instead of weekly or Christmas offertory. Checks must be made payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA or AOD – CSA.

BE ASSURED THAT THESE DONATIONS WILL BE DEPOSITED IN OUR PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

If you have questions or would like additional information please contact Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598 or Vicki Mazurek, Director of Finance, at 248.545.2310.

FAMILY OF PARISHES

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH IS PART OF WAVE 1 – JULY 1, 2021

SOUTH OAKLAND VICARIATE FAMILY 5

Our family consists of the following parishes:

Church of the Transfiguration Parish, Southfield
 Visit Transfiguration's website at <https://www.transfigsfld.org/>

Divine Providence Parish, Southfield
 Visit Divine Providence's website at <http://divineprovidencechurch.com/>

Our Lady of La Salette Parish, Berkley
 Visit La Salette's website at <https://www.lasalette-church.org/>

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Oak Park

THE GOAL—To renew our parishes so they become places where individuals and families encounter Jesus and grow as missionary disciples

THE PLAN—To respond in faith to the challenges we face and to take the necessary steps to better equip our parish communities for mission.

OUR RESOLVE—To advance with unshakable conviction of the truth of the Gospel and a love that compels us to share the good news with those around us.

For more information, frequently asked questions, what Family of Parishes means and how it will impact Our Mother of Perpetual Help please visit

<https://www.aod.org/families-of-parishes>

PRAYER FOR FAMILY OF PARISHES

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a new Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Family of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy. This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, St. Anne and Blessed Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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