



# OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

6 JUNE 2021

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## UPDATED COVID-19 MASS PROTOCOLS

- For the time being our Mass Schedule will remain the same (Sunday, 9am in Oak Park and 11am in Ferndale).
- Effective immediately people who have been fully vaccinated no longer will be required to wear masks at Mass. Of course, if you feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask you may do so.
- Masks are still required for those who are not vaccinated and our Eucharistic Ministers.
- There will be a dedicated section of our worship locations where social distancing and face-coverings are consistently maintained. This section is for anyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer stations will still be in our worship locations and you are encouraged to use them.
- We will resume the Sign of Peace with the normal wording, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace," allowing you and your family to make your own determinations about how widely to share some sign of peace. Please understand that some parishioners may not feel as comfortable sharing a sign of peace as you do and be respectful of their sensitivities.
- At times we may keep windows and/or doors open to ventilate our worship locations.
- Today, June 6 we welcome Michael Chateau, our Director of Music, and our musicians back to church to lead us in song. Hymnals will be available. Please remember to return the hymnals to the carts when you depart mass.
- Capacity is limited to 125 people

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

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

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**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

THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Rev. Harold J. Kruecher (1985)

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Msgr. Edward C. Burkhardt (1992)

Bill and Pat Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

Deanna Norkiewicz by Mary Beth Western

Leslie Myrtle by Joan Cottrell

Maria Ann Palazzolo

**11 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Charles Sink by Janet Sink and Family

Ruby Batingan Salindong by Sally Leo Diaz

All souls in Purgatory by Sally Leo Diaz

**Monday, June 7, 2021**

Rev. Thomas J. Bresnahan (2003)

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

Msgr. Walter J. Ziemba (2012)

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

Neal Foley—221st Anniversary of Death—

by Neil McCormick

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

Rev. Frederick J. Borck (1977)

**Friday, June 11, 2021**

Rev. Robert J. Pomponi (1973)

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John F. Dunn (2012)

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Carlos Summer by Family

Vincent Meo by Family

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Ben Evola by Nancy Evola and Family

Living and deceased members of the Kemling

and Baracka Families by Dolly Kemling

Rev. Donald B. Kuntz (2013)

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

## 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**

David Doig, Andy Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

**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

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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.*

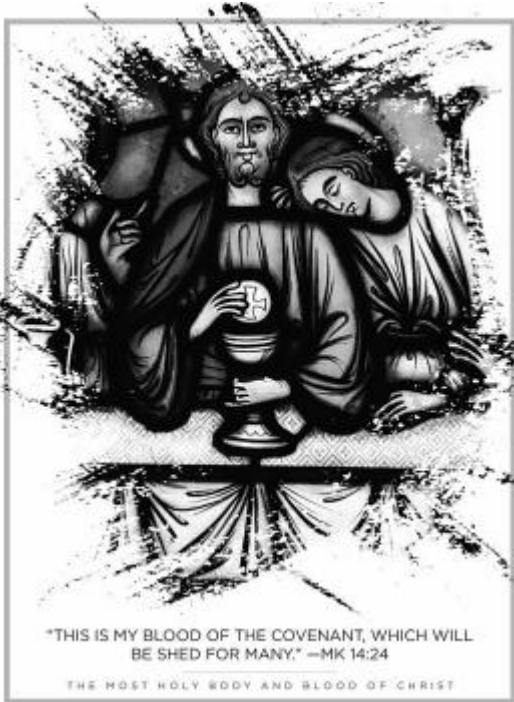
***How do you live out  
our mission and vision?***

## FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THIS IS MY BODY MK 14:12-16, 22-26



It is the first day of Unleavened Bread and the disciples ask Jesus where they should prepare for the Passover supper. Jesus tells them to go into the city and prepare for the Passover meal which they do.

It is during the Passover meal that Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it and said, "this is my body" and gave it to the disciples. He took a cup, gave thanks and said, "this is my blood" and they all drank from it.

Today's gospel of Mark gives us the preparation details of the Passover supper and the words, actions and prayers of Jesus which becomes the words of consecration over the

bread and wine. These words, actions and prayers of Jesus becomes the Body and the Blood of Christ which we now celebrate in the Eucharist as a parish community.

St. Augustine (354-430) from one of his sermons gives us a two-fold perspective on the Body of Christ. "What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your eyes report to you. But what faith obliges you to accept is that the Body of Christ and the chalice the Blood of Christ. This is said very briefly, which may perhaps be sufficient for faith does desire instruction ... How is the bread His Body? And the chalice, or what is in the chalice, how is it His Blood? Those elements, brethren, are called Sacraments, because in them one thing is seen, but another is understood. What is seen is the corporeal species; but what is understood is the spiritual fruit. If, then, you wish to understand the Body of Christ, hear the Apostle speaking of the faithful: "You, however, are the Body of Christ, and His members (1Cor 12:27)." If, therefore, you are the Body of Christ and His members, your mystery is presented at the table of the Lord: you receive your mystery. To that which you are, you answer: "Amen"; and by answering, you subscribe to it. For you hear: "The Body of Christ!" and your answer: "Amen!" Be a member of Christ's Body, so that your "Amen" may be the truth."

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be for one reason: Holy Communion." St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Paul VI (1897-1978) presents the importance of the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes, "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes."

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Friends in Christ,

By way of this letter, I am asking for your support in this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Through its many ministries and programs, our parish and many people in southeast Michigan experience the hope and peace the Lord Jesus has to Give?

You are, through your gift to the CSA touching the lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. There are more than 170 ministries, programs, and services that bring true hope and true light to individuals and families every day.

The list of engagement, outreach, and service of the CSA is an extensive one and includes support for Vocations, Youth Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Christian Services, Catholic Schools, Black Catholic Ministries and Communications to name a few, but it all comes down to building relationships in Jesus' name. And, this engagement is made possible thanks to you and your gifts to support these efforts.

During the pandemic, I have heard many people say, "we are in this together." For Catholics, this rings true in a very particular way. We are called by Christ to be his arms and feet. We have been sent to support and to love those around us.

Thank you in advance for considering a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You are helping to bring Christ to others, and for that I am grateful.

You can make a gift of a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal by visiting [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org), or by mail. Thank you, for the generosity you have extended. **[Checks should be made payable to AOD-CSA. If you have questions please call Vicki Mazurek at 248.545.2310].** Thank you for the generosity you have extended.

This year our CSA goal is \$37,746. As in other years, our parish will receive 100% of all donations after we have reached our CSA goal so your gift will also directly benefit our parish.

Please be assured of my prayers and my gratitude. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and all those you love.

**Fr. Paul**



**GOSPEL  
MEDITATION—  
JUNE 6, 2021  
THE MOST HOLY  
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CHRIST**

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021**

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/  
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26  
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt  
5:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132,  
133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt  
5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-  
12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/  
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37  
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
[8a]/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf.  
2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021**

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Wednesday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church  
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

**QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR THE WEEK  
PATRON SAINTS**

**QUESTION:**

Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”?

**ANSWER:**

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified. Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

**SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

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.

<b>OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:</b>		
	<b>May TD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Offertory Amount	\$13,403	\$184,268
Over/(Under) Prior Year	<b>(\$2,028)</b>	<b>(\$40,066)</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	<b>(\$6,597)</b>	<b>(\$50,732)</b>
Week of 05-23-2021 Offertory total: \$2,937.00		
On-line giving totaled \$3,460.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$9,943.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of May deposits totaled \$13,403.00.		
<b>THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$33,695.00</b>		
AS OF 05-23-2021:	178 PLEDGES RECEIVED;	
	174 FULLY PAID	
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$100,220.00	
TOTAL PAID:	\$107,413.34	
REFUND DUE PARISH:	\$2,701.65;	
refunds issued:	\$71,016.69	
<b>THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$37,746.00</b>		
AS OF 05-23-2021:	15 PLEDGES RECEIVED;	
	12 FULLY PAID	
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$2,615.00	
TOTAL PAID:	\$2,355.00	
REFUND DUE PARISH:	NONE; refunds issued: NONE	

**STRANGERS NO LONGER**

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP AND CHRIST  
OUR LIGHT CIRCLES OF SUPPORT INVITE YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR:**

*Women Living the Immigrant Experience Today Tell Their Stories—Monday, June 14th, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

The Circles of Support at Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Christ Our Light have had the opportunity to support and get to know some immigrant families in southeastern Michigan. Why do these immigrant families decide to make such a dangerous journey? What do they experience in their travels? What do they hope for from the U.S.?

Some of the members of the SNL immigrant women Circles of Support have made the difficult and courageous decision to reach out to our parishes and share their lived experiences. Their stories are real and heartbreaking but they want to share them with us to help Americans understand how U.S. immigration policy affects real people.

*"To hear and understand their stories is like planting the seeds for new relationships between immigrants and the American people. This is a chance to build bridges to work together for a significant change for immigrants." Sr. Martha de la Torre*

**To register, email [rkfaba@aol.com](mailto:rkfaba@aol.com)**

**FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS  
YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET YOUR NEW  
FAMILY!**

**REGISTER TODAY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

You are invited to attend a series of Family Gatherings, involving members of Transfiguration, Divine Providence Lithuanians, Our Lady of La Salette, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. These gatherings are an opportunity to learn more about our transition to Families of Parishes.

Each one of us is called to go and make disciples, to share the Good News. That's what's behind our move to Families of Parishes. We want each one of our Families to be places where people can encounter Jesus anew, grow in faith as disciples, and be equipped to be his witnesses.

**THE FIRST GATHERING  
ENCOUNTERING JESUS**

**THROUGH NEW RELATIONSHIPS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE PARISH**

This gathering is an opportunity for parishioners from all parishes in the Family to get to know one another and to encounter Jesus through new relationships as brothers and sisters.

**THE SECOND GATHERING**

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH AS A FAMILY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**DIVINE PROVIDENCE LITHUANIAN**

This gathering will aim to deepen those new, faith-founded relationships and begin to grow together as disciples.

**THE THIRD FAMILY GATHERING,**

**WITNESSING WITH SUPPORT**

**AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, 7-9 PM**

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

This gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel.

All Parishes are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up.

We are announcing them now so you can put them on your calendar. More information is will follow.

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