



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

4 JULY 2021—14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FR. PAUL

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. This 4th of July is much different than last year. Indications show that the threat of the pandemic which we have been living under since March 2020 is diminishing. Hopefully, things will continue to improve and life will gradually be able to return to normal. Each day throughout the pandemic I have privately celebrated Mass daily for our parish. As prayer and celebration of the Eucharist is the heart and soul of who and what we are, it is with great joy to be able to invite greater participation and opportunities for us to worship together. On July 6th, we will begin celebrating daily Mass on Tuesdays at 9:00 am at our Ferndale worship location and on Thursdays at 9:00 am at our Oak Park worship location. Additionally, on the first Thursday of the month the healing Mass at 7:00 pm will return beginning Thursday, August 5th. Please note that the healing Mass on the first Thursday of the month will replace the 9am Mass on Thursday mornings.

Family of Parishes formally began on July 1st. The four parishes in our family include our parish, Transfiguration, Our Lady of La Salette and Divine Providence. I, along with the pastors of each of these parishes will serve in a similar manner as co-pastors with responsibility for all the parishes within our family. For the past few months, we have been meeting on a regular basis to establish a "Covenant" to help guide our interactions. Through this process I am committed that our own charisms and identities will be retained and flourish.

For the past few months there has been information in the bulletin on the three Family of Parishes Gatherings which will be taking place beginning on July 13th. I strongly urge you to register for these opportunities to get acquainted with our sister parishes. Please see page 4 of this bulletin for additional information and how to register.

Blessings,

Fr. Paul

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
*United in Faith, Love
and Service to Others*

*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*

Office Hours

M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

**Parish Office Phone Number
248.545.2310**

Parish Fax 248.545.2312

Parish Email

omophparish@gmail.com

Parish Website

www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule

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

Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale

Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park

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**

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.533.5424



Saturday, July 3, 2021

Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Michael G. Esper (1931)

Sunday, July 4, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Steve Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

Evelyn Cummings—13th Anniversary of Death—

by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Special Intention for Mike

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

Don Beaupied by Don and Dorothy McLaren

Monday, July 5, 2021

Rev. Richard J. Stieber (1993)

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

9 am in Ferndale

Msgr. Stanley E. Milewski (2014)

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Rev. John R. Command (1928)

Thursday, July 8, 2021

9 am in Oak Park

Msgr. Joseph F. Rybinski (1983)

Friday, July 9, 2021

Rev. Bernard J. Dominick (1970)

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Vigil of the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Msgr. Alfred A. Hebert (1971)

Sunday, July 11, 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Chet Chmielewski by Carol Fliger

Bernard McCormick—7th Anniversary of Death—

by Neal McCormick

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Carlos Sommer by Family

Angie Caratelli by 50+ Club

Prayers for all in Parish who are ill

Special Intention for Mike

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Mickey Steele by Stephen and Maureen Hudak

Msgr. Vincent J. Horkan (2006)

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Peggy Beaupied—90th Birthday—

by Don and Dorothy McLaren

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

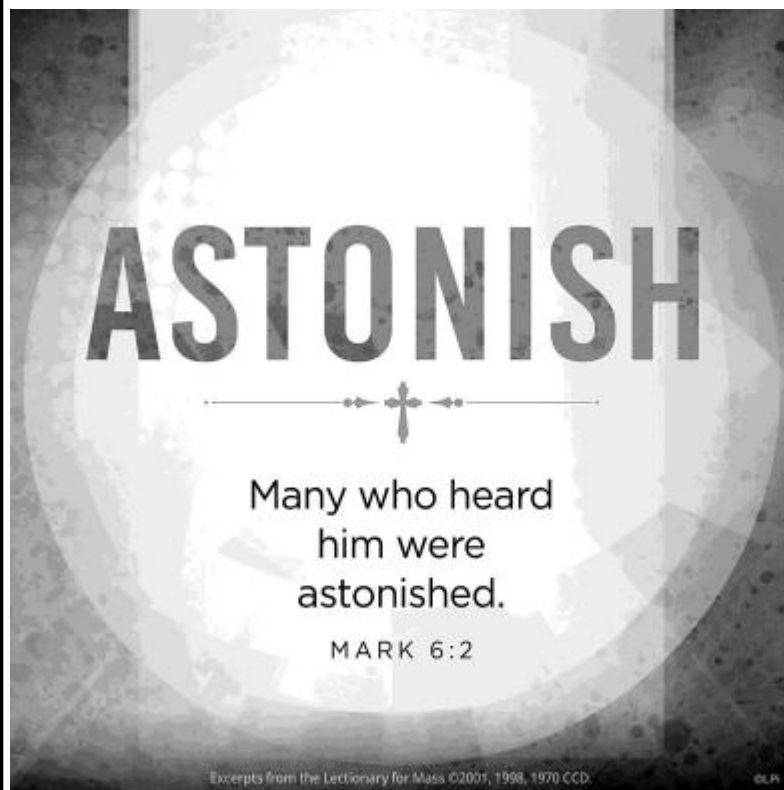
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AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

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?***



FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES

BY LEONARD PIASTA, FFC CHAIR

JULY 4, 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT A VILLAGE WITHOUT FAITH CAN DO

Jesus goes to his own part of the country with his disciples. When the Sabbath came Jesus begins to teach in the synagogue to a large audience and Jesus kept his audience amazed. They were saying, "Where did he get all this? What kind of wisdom is he endowed with? How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands? And "Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, a brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters our neighbors? But then, the people found Jesus too much for them. Jesus responded with, "No prophet is without honor except in his native place, among his own kindred, and his own house." Jesus could not work any miracles except a few cures of the sick for lack of faith from the people. Jesus then sets off to neighboring villages and continue to teach.

Jesus is most likely in his home village of Nazareth. While still in Nazareth on the Sabbath, Jesus is at the

synagogue and begin teaching at the synagogue service. Those attending were very enthusiastic with what Jesus is teaching. The worshippers even gave him honest admiration in stating his wisdom and miraculous deeds as well as all knowing Jesus as the carpenter, his mother Mary and many of his relatives in the village. But then, skepticism set in with the people and now in Nazareth there is a lack of faith and belief in Jesus.

Jesus' response to this lack of faith and belief, "No prophet is without honor except ..." is conveying that the people of Nazareth did not show respect or honor or faith that is due to a divine prophet. As such, Jesus could only cure a few of the sick who did have faith in him. This incident in Nazareth now ends Jesus' ministry in Galilee and brings a foreshadowing of Jesus' rejection by the people of Israel.

What a village without faith can do - something to pray about.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE PROPHECY OF YOU AND ME

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,

you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET OUR NEW FAMILY! REGISTER TODAY—THE FIRST GATHERING IS TUESDAY, JULY 13TH FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS

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.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT FOPGATHERINGS.ORG

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.



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JESUS' POWER
PULLS US
THROUGH
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL 2021**

HOSTED AT

**OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE IN BERKLEY
AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 6
8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON
SPACE IS LIMITED**

**SO MAKE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!
DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH**

The program is for elementary students grades 2-6. You can register on line at contko@lasalette-church.org or (248) 459-1588.

There are many volunteer opportunities for students 7-12 grade. You can sign up as a volunteer by contacting Colleen Ontko at contko@lasalette-church.org or (248) 459-1588

If you have any questions please call
Natalie LaCroix at (248)533-5424
or send her an e-mail at natalielacroix@ymail.com

**SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS
OFFERED THROUGH WEBER CENTER**

This summer, set some time aside to gather with other creative writers and to express what has long been hidden within you – and longs to see the light of long summer days.

Weber Retreat and Conference Center offers a weekly series of Creative Writing Workshops from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EDT Thursdays, July 15, 22, and 29 and August 5, 2021. Whether you write as a spiritual practice or to give creative expression to your ideas and feelings, this series offers a supportive group of writers and the opportunity to enhance your writing skills.

The virtual workshops, offered via Zoom, are facilitated by Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, a certified Amherst Writers and Artists leader and published author.

The cost is \$80 and registration is required.
Registration is available at www.webercenter.org;
click on “programs.”

Registrations may also be made by contacting
Weber Center at 517-266-4000
or webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

Limited scholarships are available.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

	June TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$16,173	\$200,441
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$2,769)	(\$42,835)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$3,827)	(\$54,559)

Week of 06-20-2021 Offertory total: \$3,230.00

On-line giving totaled \$3415.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$12,757.00 for a grand total for 4 weeks of June deposits totaled \$16,172.75.

NOTE: Total amount of refunds for CSA 2020 is \$74,478.34

2021 CSA Goal \$37,746.00

AS OF 06-21-2021: 54 PLEDGES RECEIVED
47 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$11,560.00
TOTAL PAID:	\$9,000.00
ACTUAL SHORTFALL:	\$28,746.00
REFUND DUE PARISH:	NONE
refunds issued:	NONE

**TEEN SUMMER MASS SERIES
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF
THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Inviting all teens from the archdiocese to join us for our 11 AM Sunday Masses. We encourage you to dress (modestly, of course) for each monthly theme. Food, fun, and fellowship will follow in the plaza. Please consider bringing a canned good donation to benefit local food pantries. For more info or to RSVP, contact ajschenajr@gmail.com

July 18: Christmas in July theme
August 29: Detroit Sports theme

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“Underlying all our strengths and weaknesses, stronger than all our past hurts and failures, or our fears and concerns about the future, there is this great truth: we are beloved sons and daughters.”

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR
THE FAMILY OF PARISHES GATHERINGS.
SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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