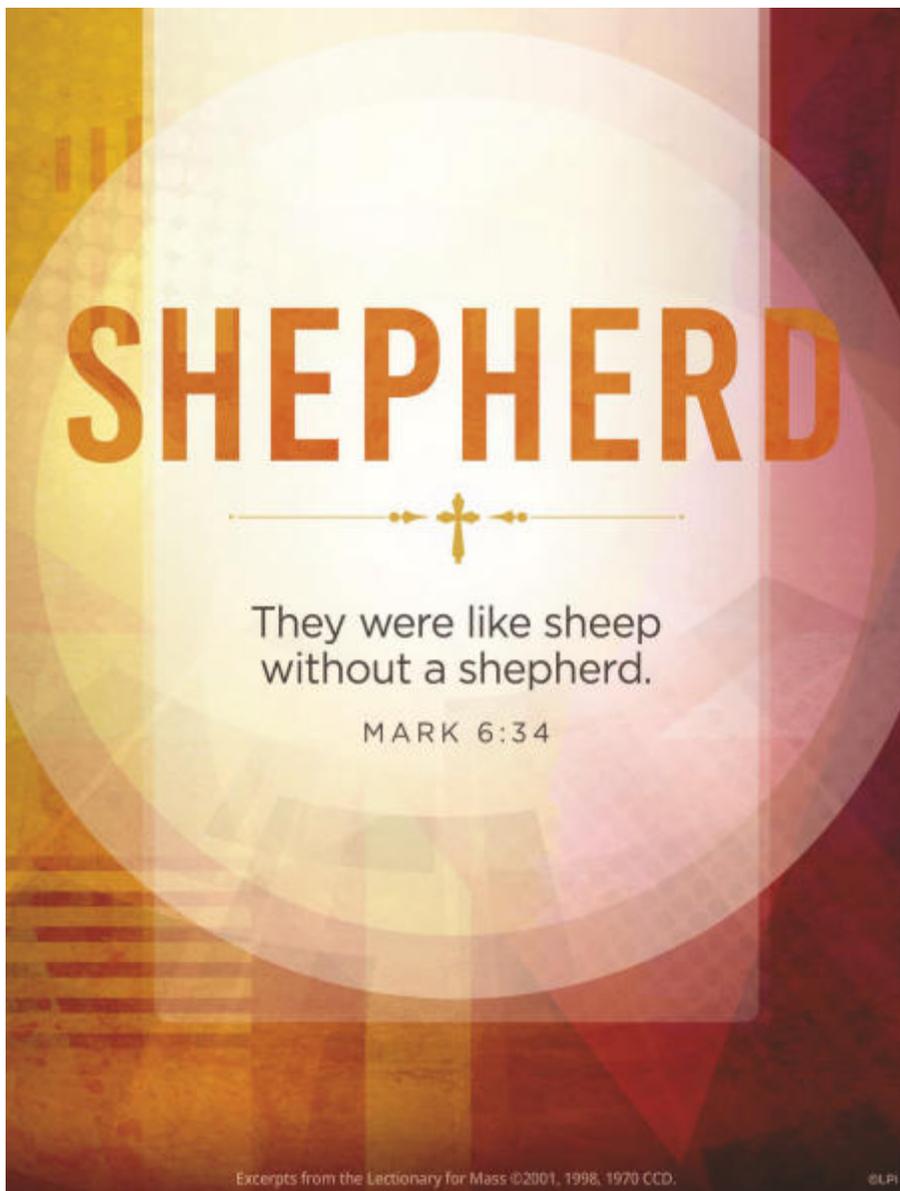


18 JULY 2021—16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
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Rectory, and Parish Office
13500 Oak Park Blvd.
• Oak Park, MI 48237*

*Ferndale Worship Location
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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 17, 2021

Vigil of the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Richard A. Ugolik (2009)

Rocco D. Palazzolo

Sunday, July 18, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Michael Kollenberg by Barbara Schoenbach

Special Intention for Mike

Al Fliger by Carol Fliger

Jim Lama by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Barbara Land by 50+ Club

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Living and deceased member of the Kemling
and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

Monday, July 19, 2021

Rev. William J. Dowell (2005)

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

9 am—Ferndale

Rev. J. Michael McGough (1985)

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Msgr. Ricardo E. Bass (2019)

Thursday, July 22, 2021

9 am—Oak Park

Rev. Ralph J. Vigneau (1959)

Friday, July 23, 2021

Rev. Malcolm Maloney (2011)

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Michael D. Malawy (2015)

Sunday, July 25, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Rena Uchno by Patrice Uchno Leland

Anna Kosek by Barbara Schoenbach

Frank and Mary Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach

Special Intention for Mike

Jim Lama by Caren and Jerry Kissick

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Rev. Robert T. Wurm (2016)

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***

Michael Kollenberg, David 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**JULY 18, 2021****16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****YEARNING FOR A SHEPHERD****Mk 6: 30-34**

The apostles have returned to Jesus and reported to him what they did and taught. Jesus tells them, "Come by yourselves to an out of the way place and rest a little." Great numbers of people were coming and going to Jesus. Jesus and the apostles leave by boat to a deserted place. The crowd seeing Jesus and the apostles leaving by boat, they hasten by foot to the deserted place even before Jesus and the apostles landed.

Jesus in seeing the great crowd when he disembarks from the boat begins to teach the crowd at great length. He pitied the crowd for they were like a sheep without a shepherd.

In today's gospel passage of Mark, the word apostle has the meaning of "those sent out" and not the description or title given to the Twelve Apostles. In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus sends out the Twelve, two by two, to various locations. These twelve men were "those sent out" and now in today's gospel, they are returning from "being sent out."

The twelve men, apostles, have now returned from their various locations and are reporting to Jesus their stories of teaching, preaching, expelling demons, anointing the sick and working many cures. Just imagine the stories of their successes and rejections from the people they were sent to. Jesus sees the need for these men to take some time to rest, to retreat and reflect, from what they just experienced in their missionary activities.

Large numbers of people kept coming and going to Jesus and the apostles that they could not even eat! So, Jesus and the apostles then leave by boat to a deserted place. This deserted place must have been known by the crowd and not far off since the crowd could get there by foot to meet Jesus and the apostles when they reach the shore. Jesus on seeing the vast crowd was moved to pity and began to teach them.

The crowd comes seeking out Jesus because of his reputation as a healer as well as a teacher and a preacher of the Kingdom of God. Jesus' sense of this vast crowd is that they are sheep without a shepherd yearning for a shepherd to guide and to care for them. Jesus is again revealing another degree of himself to his disciples in what it means and what it takes to be a shepherd guiding and leading the sheep that are seeking him out.

By Leonard Piasta, FFC

YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET OUR NEW FAMILY!**REGISTER TODAY—THE NEXT GATHERING IS AUGUST 17TH****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 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 parishioners are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT FOPGATHERINGS.ORG

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 2021

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY

FIRST READING:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

GOSPEL:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene

Friday: St. Bridget, Religious

Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANGELS—QUESTION OF THE WEEK

QUESTION: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

ANSWER: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN

YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—
THE STEWARD'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

*Our Mother of Perpetual Help,
Pray for Us*

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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	July TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$2,900	\$2,900
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$299)	(\$299)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$1,773)	(\$1,773)
Week of 07-04-2021 Offertory total: \$2,900.00		

On-line giving totaled \$580.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$2,320.00 for a grand total for 1 week of July deposits totaled \$2,900.00.

**THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:
\$37,746.00**

AS OF 07-06-2021:	69 PLEDGES RECEIVED
	62 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$21,095.00
TOTAL PAID:	\$20,140.00
ACTUAL SHORTFALL:	\$17,606.00

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
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**TEEN SUMMER MASS SERIES
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF
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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

**WORKSHOP OFFERS FRESH LOOK
AT SPIRITUALITY**

**THROUGH THE LENS OF COSMOLOGY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021**

7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

Sister Helen Cahill, OP, a Dominican Sister of Peace, offers A Fresh Look at Spirituality through the Lens of Cosmology during a live stream program, offered by Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

The workshop explores how our understanding of the universe, evolutionary consciousness, and images of God affect our self-understanding as we evolve into love.

The workshop is free, but donations are appreciated.

Registration is required to receive the live stream link and 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.

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