



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

25 JULY 2021—17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANKS

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them.

JOHN 6:11

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Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
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13500 Oak Park Blvd.
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Office Hours

M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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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 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

Bishop Jerry Vincke by Lyric C. Walsh

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Rev. Robert T. Wurm (2016)

Bishop Jerry Vincke by Lyric C. Walsh

Monday, July 26, 2021

Rev. John R. German (1988)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Msgr. Clifford F. Sawher (1998)

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Rev. Jerome E. Stine (1999)

Rev. Thomas P. Flynn (2020)

Thursday, July 29, 2021

9 am – Oak Park

Rev. Ronald G Cyprys (2007)

Friday, July 30, 2021

Msgr. Archibald M. Stitt (1980)

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ronald Pellerito by Mary Beth Western

Rev. Donald M. Clark (1995)

Sunday, August 1, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Ronald Pellerito by Mary Beth Western

Jim Lama by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Special Intention for Mike

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler by daughter Maureen
and husband Robert

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

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?***

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES
JULY 25, 2021
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
BREAD FOR THE BODY, BREAD FOR THE SOUL
JN 6:1-15—PART 1

In my years of working for the Church, one thing I learned, serve food and they will come!

Today's gospel from John presents Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee to Tiberias. A vast crowd continues to follow him. The crowd has witnessed Jesus healing the sick and other works. Jesus then goes up a mountain and sits down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. Only John in his gospel account sets the time of this event as near Passover. Jesus sees the vast crowd is in need of food. A lad who had five barley loaves with him, barley bread was bread of the poor, and Jesus takes the five loaves along with a couple of dry fish and he gives thanks and he, Jesus, passes the bread and the fish to those around him. In Lk 9:10-17, Mk 6:30-44, and, Mt 14:13-21, Jesus in giving thanks with the bread and fish then breaks the bread and the fish and it is his disciples who distributes the bread and the fish to the crowd. All four of these gospel accounts state there were five thousand men plus women and children at the multiplication of the bread and the fish. At the finish of the feeding of the crowd, twelve baskets of fragments were collected. Also, in Mt 15:32-39 and Mk 8:1-10, we will find that Jesus feeds four thousand with seven loaves of bread and a few fish.

This gospel account of John continues with the people having seen these signs of Jesus he had previously performed and now Jesus has just fed the hungry crowd to their fill, The people are saying, "This is undoubtedly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus flees to the mountain alone. Jesus did not want to be any part of the crowd's wishes and desires to proclaim him and make him their king and earthly messiah.

In all six accounts of Jesus feeding the vast crowds, the gospel writers only tell of what happened and why it happened. They do not present how it happened. So, what really took place to cause the multiplication of bread and fish? We may have our interpretation of these gospel accounts but then speculation begins where the gospels leave off.

Bread will also be a part of the next two Sunday's gospels.

JULY 26TH
MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

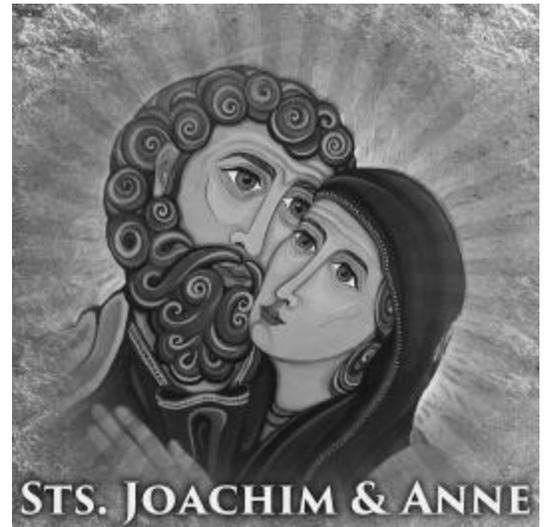
July 26 is the memorial celebration of Saints. Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne are said to be the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. The veneration of Anne began in the Eastern Church during the 6th century and Joachim in the 8th century.

In the accepted (canonical) New Testament writings, there is no mention of Joachim and Anne as the parents of Mary or the grandparents of Jesus. But found in a 2nd century apocryphal (writings of dubious authority and not accepted by the Catholic Church as inspired writings and are uncanonical) writing the "Protoevangelium (gospel) of James" the names of Joachim and Anne are found. In one section of this written work, it presents that while Anne was praying an angel appeared to her and told her she would finally bear a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God.

By the middle of the 7th century the feast of "The conception of Mary by St. Anne" was being celebrated. To take this another step, the Catholic Church believes and teaches that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without Origin Sin. This belief and teaching of the Church was officially promulgated by St. Pius IX on December 8, 1854 and is called the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Even though we do not know much about this married couple, we venerate them as the saintly parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, the son of Mary. Joachim is the patron saint of fathers and grandfathers. Anne is the patroness saint of childless women, grandparents, miners, and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.



By Leonard Piasta, FFC

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY

FIRST READING:

“For thus says the LORD,
‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” (2 Kgs
4:43)

PSALM:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps
145)

SECOND READING:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

GOSPEL:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
[cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
[1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-
11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt
13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,
11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4,
5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-
12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Saints. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Martha
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK**FIRST READING:**

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

SECOND READING:

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

GOSPEL:

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as “the Prophet who is to come into world” after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—
IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? “You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!”

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— 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.



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

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

DEADLINE IS THIS 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@gmail.com**

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:

	July TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$6,183	\$6,183
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$536)	(\$536)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$3,163)	(\$3,163)
Week of 07-11-2021 Offertory total: \$3,283.00		

On-line giving totaled \$1,250.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$4,933.00 for a grand total for 2 weeks of July deposits totaled \$6,183.00.

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

AS OF 07-12-2021:	77 PLEDGES RECEIVED
	70 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$25,605.00
TOTAL PAID:	\$24,565.00 [approx. 65% of goal]
ACTUAL SHORTFALL:	\$13,181.00

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.”

**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.

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