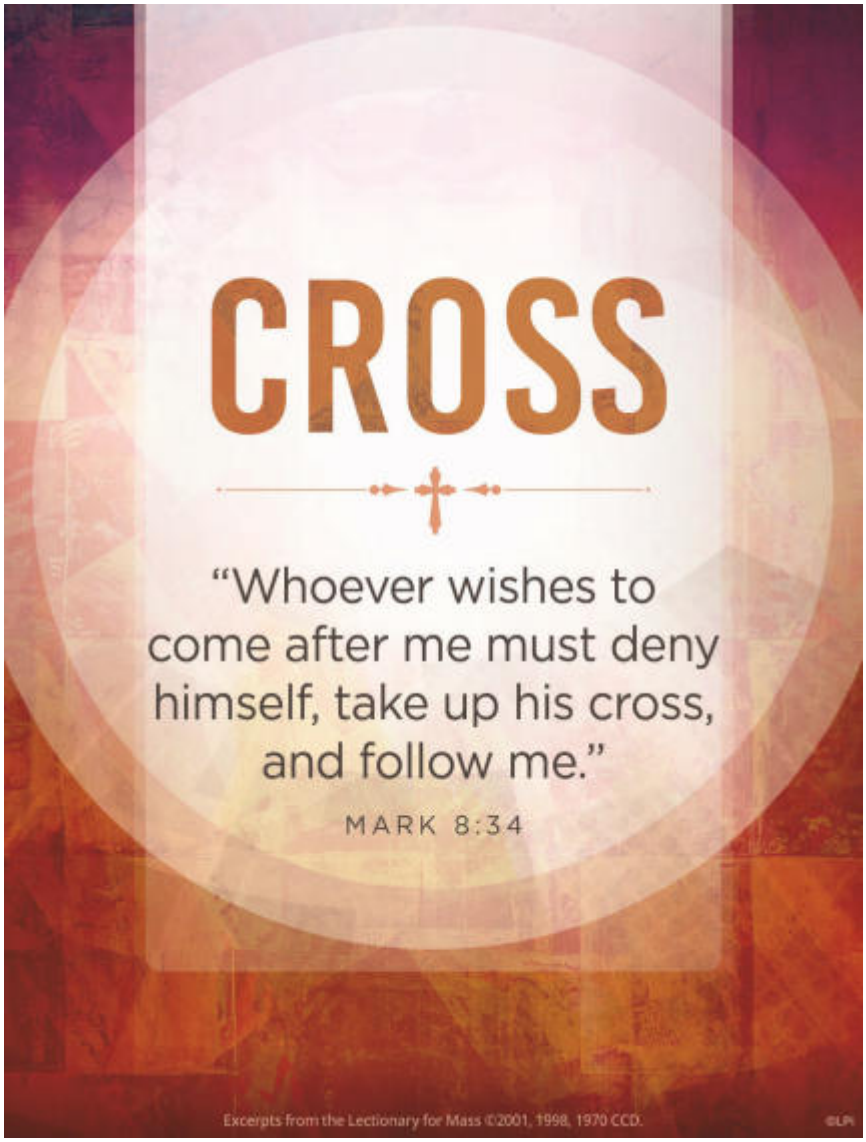
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Roman Catholic Parish

12 September 2021—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Family 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 (First Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will replace the 9am Mass)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 11, 2021
Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Thomas J. Collins (1971)

Sunday, September 12, 2021
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am – Oak Park
Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
Special Intention for Mike
Evelyn Keller by Carol Fliger
Joseph and Helen Meo by Family
Carlos Sommer by Family
11 am – Ferndale
Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton
Living and Deceased members of the Kemling and Baracka Families by Dorothy Kemling

Monday, September 13, 2021
Rev. Gabriel Richard (1832)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
9 am - Ferndale
Rev. Edward Walling (1996)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Msgr. Carroll F. Deady (1965)

Thursday, September 16, 2021
9 am – Oak Park
Rev. Clifford F. Ruskowski (2012)

Friday, September 17, 2021
Rev. James B. Wright (2006)

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Bernard N. Geller (1973)

Sunday, September 19, 2021
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 am – Oak Park
Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson
Special Intention for Mike
Al Fliger by Carol Fliger
Mary Belkowski by Barbara Schoenbach
Angela Mancini by Pat Koykka
Bob Montgomery by Fran and Jerry Kollenberg
Rev. Leonard S. Burcki (1994)
11 am – Ferndale
Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis
Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton
Rev. Michael J. O'Hara (1999)

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, Judy Chmielewski

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
"You Are the Messiah!"
Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples are going to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" The disciples responded with John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the prophets. Jesus' next question to the disciples is "Who do you say I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Messiah!" And Jesus again tells his disciples not to reveal to anyone who he is.

In the Gospel of Mark when Peter answered, "You are the Messiah!" the "messianic secret" of Jesus true identity is being revealed. Peter is the first human person to make such a revelation about Jesus. Jesus must then endure all the events that is to happen to the Messiah. From Peter's confession, in Mark's gospel, it prepares us for the passion and death of Jesus. It is through the passion, death, and resurrection that the Messiah will be acknowledged.

Jesus begins to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes. These are the men that make up the three divisions of the Sanhedrin. And the Son of Man must also be put to death and rise in three days. This is in reference to Is 52:13-53:12 - the suffering and triumph servant of Yahweh.

Peter takes Jesus aside and begins to oppose and object to what Jesus describes of the events that is to happen to the Son of Man. This sets Jesus off. He turns to his disciples and in reprimanding Peter says, "Get out of my sight Satan! You are not judging by God's standards but by man's!" For the Jews they are longing and expecting a messiah who would free Israel from foreign occupation and domination, a political/religious messiah. Jesus presents to his disciples the Messiah as a spiritual/religious messiah of suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus then summons the crowd and his disciples and sets forth the conditions necessary to follow him and to be one of his true disciples. One must deny oneself, take up his cross and willing to lose one's life for Jesus' sake and the gospel's will save it.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows—September 15

This memorial is a day to recall and meditate on the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother Jesus. This memorial became popular after the provincial synod of Cologne, Germany in 1423. This celebration was first known as Our Lady of Compassion and spread throughout Northern Germany, Scandinavia, and Scotland. It would be the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) who would promote devotion to the seven sorrows of Mary through the rosary of the seven sorrows, the wearing of the black scapular and novenas to the sorrowful Mary.

In 1482, the feast of Our Lady of Compassion was placed in the Roman Missal. And, in 1668 this feast was named the Seven Sorrows of Mary and granted to the Servite order to be celebrated on the third Sunday of September. By 1727 this feast was celebrated by the entire Latin Church. Pope Pius X (1835-1914) in 1913 placed this celebration as a memorial to Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15 the day after the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

In various art forms the Blessed Virgin Mother is presented with seven swords or daggers piercing her heart recalling the prophecy of Simeon.

The seven sorrows of Mary are:
1. At the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2: 34-35).
2. The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt (Mt 2:13-15).
3. Jesus lost in the Temple (Lk 2:41-50).
4. Jesus meets his mother carrying his cross on the way to Calvary (not found in the New Testament) (Mary at the foot of the cross - Jn 19:25-27).
5. The crucifixion of Jesus (Mt 27:35-50, Mk 15:24-37, Lk 23:32-46, Jn 19:18-30)
6. Taking down the body of Jesus from the cross (Mk 15 :46, Lk 23:53, Jn 19:39-40)
7. The burial of Jesus' body in the tomb (Mt 27:57-60, Mk 15: 46, Lk 23:53, Jn 19:39-42)

After each meditation is prayed one Our Father and seven Hail Marys.

Opening prayer for the Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows:
O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the cross, his mother should stand close by and share his suffering. Grant that your Church participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

By Leonard Piasta, FFC

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Observances for the Week of Sept. 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines
Liturgical Protocols

On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at aod.org/emergencyresponse

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Healing Service

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Tuesday, September 14 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7-9 pm. Confessions will be available at 6:15 pm. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for any intention by prayer teams. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams (248) 477-0767 for information.

Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Offertory for FY 2021-2022:

	Aug. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	$17,755	$29,583
Over/**(Under) Prior Year**	**($2,830)**	**($7,965)**
Over/**(Under) Budget**	**($5,610)**	**($12,473)**

Week of 08-29-2021 Offertory total: $3,296.75

On-line giving totaled $3,215.75 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled $14,539.00 for a grand total for 5 weeks of August deposits totaled $17,754.75.

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

AS OF 08-30-2021: 103 PLEDGES RECEIVED
95 FULLY PAID
TOTAL PLEDGED: $49,515.66
TOTAL PAID: $57,345.66 [approx. 152% of goal]
ACTUAL SHORTFALL: NONE
TOTAL REFUND TO DATE $19,599.66
REFUND DUE PARISH: $8,625.00
Refunds Issued: $10,974.66

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

You Are Invited
This Tuesday, Sept. 14th 7pm—9pm
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Witnessing with Support & Encouragement

This third 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**

Save the Date—Sunday, October 31st
Installation Mass for Our Family's Pastors
More Details to Follow

In the Words of Pope Francis…

"Faith is the ardent desire for God, a bold effort to change, the courage to love, constant progress."

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

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The Deacons of our Parish Family will begin visiting our parish on a rotating basis. Please welcome them.

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