

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH MINISTRIES

OLPH Parish Ministry Leaders 2011-2012

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Choir	Joseph Accurso
Finance	Frank Teeple
Garden	Jen Compagni
Food Pantry	Dan Curtin
Knights of Columbus	Kevin Conroy
Knitting for the Needy	Roberta Pandolfo
Liturgical Scheduling	Carol Bucco
PREP	Barbara Hardiman
Respect Life	Carol Alleva
Rosary Altar Society	Kathy Erli
Seniors	Rose Penta
SVDP	Board of Members
St. Raphael	Roberta Pandolfo
St. Jude Thrift Shop	Grace Del Monaco
Ushers	Gabe Tauro
Youth Group	Deacon Rob Johnson

Adult Faith Formation

Grow in Prayer

Our prayer life can mature and grow when we pray for intentions outside ourselves. For example, we can pray for victims of war, the sick who suffer in great pain, people who don't believe in God, and for those in jails and prisons whether we know them or not. The best kind of prayer is the kind that comes from the heart.

Community Garden

Come join in the fun!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

- Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the Church Hall.
- We pray the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Church.
- The Knights of Columbus is committed to Right to Life. Please pray for the unborn.
- Interested in joining the Knights? Please contact John Kovic at 732-872-1013 or Gabe Tauro at 732-291-9358.



St. Jude Thrift Shop
151 Navesink Avenue
Highlands, NJ 07732
732-872-0066
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9am-3pm

OLPH Food Pantry
Sunday 12-2pm
Monday 7-9pm



Please use the Miller Street entrance.

Knitting for the Needy



If any of our talented parishioners have knitted or crocheted items they'd like to donate to the needy, please place at the back of the church with a note to the attention of Roberta Pandolfo. Items such as winter hats, scarves, mittens, shawls and blankets are great ideas and always useful to those in need. Thank you!



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Mass Intentions



Sat.	12/31	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Cochran & Black Families (Jimmy & Patty Black)
		5:00pm	Joseph Brignoli (Teresa Coppola & Wanda Ziobro)
Sun.	1/1	9:00am 10:30am	Martha Woodard (Joan Brink) Philip Walsh (Pat & Jim Moran)
Mon.	1/2	8:00am	Rev. John Patrick Byrnes (OLPH Parish)
Tues	1/3	8:00am	Bernice Reynen (Sheila Brown)
Wed.	1/4	8:00am	Bernice Reynen (Rose Penta)
Thur.	1/5	8:00am	Lillian Kanarkowski (Special Intention) (Sheila Brown)
Fri.	1/6	8:00am	Brother Michael Finnegan, FSC (Mike & Mary Schoales)
Sat.	1/7	8:00am	John Kochon (Valerie & Bill Strehl)
		5:00pm	Bernice Reynen (Flip McMahon)
Sun.	1/8	9:00am	Father Jack McGuire (Mike & Mary Schoales)
		10:30am	John McConnell (Tony & Carol Bucco)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 5:00pm

Lector: Barbara Monroe

Extraordinary Ministers: Jen Compagni, Frank Teeple

Altar Servers:

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 9:00am

Lector: Ron Creighton

Extraordinary Ministers: Patricia Black, Marie Testa

Altar Servers: Emily Seidler

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 10:30am

Lector: Tricia Curtin

Extraordinary Ministers: Muriel Smith, Carol Bucco

Altar Servers: A. La Rocca, T. La Rocca

Flowers :



*Flowers may be requested by calling the rectory of-
fice.*



Flag :

*This week, the flag is flown in memory of Luke
Penta.*



Sanctuary Light:

*The Sanctuary Light may be requested by calling
the rectory office.*



Please remember in your prayers all our beloved sick, especially Lois Cunningham, mother of Mary Palmisano, Margaret (Peggy) King, Sean Carhart, Elisa & Nathan Bond, Rachel Kovach, Richard Donohoe, Tracy Ryan, Carol Murphy, Mary Mc Bede, Judy Teeple, Joseph Marion, Edward Chan and Edward Battschinger.



Please pray for the military and all deceased members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Religious Education News

- **8th Grade Retreat @ OLPH:** Sunday, 2/5 9am-3pm
- **Confirmation Date:** Tuesday, 5/15 4pm Mass; celebrated by Most Reverend David M. O’Connell C.M.

All Religious Education students who are completing Home Study, please contact the Religious Education Office at 732-872-1290, ext. 208 to set up an appointment for an evaluation of progress and any special reports that may be due.



Attention Counters:

Week 2—January 8, 2012

Robert McMahon
Mike Schoales
Mary Schoales
Tamara Osifchin



St. Jude Thrift Shop

The St. Jude Thrift Shop will be closed for the holidays, reopening on January 5th. We wish all the ladies who keep the shop running a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



As we begin the New Year, the OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for all of your support in 2011. You so generously gave us:

- \$16,777 at Giving Weekends
- \$5,176 in Poor Boxes
- \$17,750 from large donors

We feel very blessed to have the support of such wonderful parishioners that enabled us to translate the above donations into much needed and beneficial work for over 350 of your neighbors in 175 families who called for assistance.

We pray for a happy and healthy 2012 for you and your families! And, we thank you for your continued support!

To reach the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLPH please leave a message at 732-872-1290 Option 6.

“No work of charity is foreign to the Society”

Is it okay to miss Mass on Sunday if I am busy?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) says, “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (CCC,2180). “Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin” (CCC,2181). His excludes those who cannot attend for unavoidable reasons such as illness or infirmity, for example.

Life can get so busy that when Sunday comes around each week, it becomes just another day to run errands or catch up on chores. Yet, God intended the Sabbath (Sunday for Catholics) to be a holy day of rest for us when we reconnect with him. That's one of the reasons he gave us the Third Commandment.

Attending Mass each week is not just something we have to do, it is something we get to do. At Mass, each faithful Catholic is fed with abundant graces. We know that our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist, and we receive his body and blood in this Sacrament.

The Mass is a precious gift to us. Try not to miss even one.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Schedule of Events



Sunday, January 1, 2012
The Solemnity of Mary
New Year's Day



Monday, January 2, 2012
Rectory Office Closed
No Youth Group

Wednesday, January 4, 2012
 K of C Recites Rosary 7:30pm
 Choir 7:45pm
 K of C Meeting 8:00pm

Sunday, January 8, 2012
CCD Pre K-8

Saint Raphael Ministry

Luke 2: 33-38

33 The child's mother and father were amazed at what was said about him **34** and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and too will be a sign that will be contradicted **35** and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." **36** There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after their marriage **37** then as a widow until she was eighty four. She never left the temple, but worshipped day and night with fasting and prayer. **38** And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

Our OLPH Devotion-A pilgrim image of OLPH is visiting homes and families. Our Lady needs your home to adopt and honor her. Please call Fran at 732-872-7656.

Extra Blessings-Would you like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home for a week or more? We will gladly bring the statue and pick it up. Please call: Sheila at 732-872-1403, Adrienne at 732-291-3031 or Lucille at 732-872-1019.

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2012.



OLPH Seniors

Atlantic City Trip



The OLPH Senior Club is sponsoring a trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, January 10th The bus departs the Church parking lot at 8:30am and returns approx. 6pm. Cost is \$25; voucher return \$30. For more information, call Rose at 732-872-1645.

If paying by check, please make check payable to OLPH Church. Thank you!



The Divine Mercy Chaplet, along with the rosary, is recited in the church at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings.

SAINT AGNES CHURCH PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sunday immediately following the 11:30am Mass. Parents must have attended a baptism workshop within the last three years. Workshops are held on the second Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November. Please call the rectory office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage

Saint Agnes follows the Common Policy of the Trenton Diocese. Engaged couples must schedule their weddings at least one year in advance. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana workshop. Please contact the rectory office to make arrangements.

Sick Calls

In an emergency, call the rectory at any time. At the prompt, press extension 9.

Parish Registration

We invite all new families to register at the rectory office by completing a census form. Registration assists the staff in knowing and providing for our parishioner's needs.

Communion for the Homebound

Volunteers are available to deliver Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Please call the rectory office to schedule a visit for a homebound or hospitalized parishioner.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Spiritual Center. Our mission is to assist area residents who are in need of temporary financial help. Donation cards picturing St. Agnes' altar at Easter are available in the rectory office. If you know of anyone in need of help, please call 732-291-0272, ext. 113.

Saint Agnes Thrift Shop-732-291-2156

Donations of good used items, including furniture, are welcome.

The hours are: Tues.-Sat. 9:00am-2:00pm

Summer Hours, June 15th-Labor Day: Wed.-Fri. 8:00am-1:00pm; Sat. 9:00am-2:00pm

Saint Agnes Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society meets the second Sunday of the month following the 9:00am Mass. The Society is dedicated to the spiritual formation of its members. The Holy Name Society is involved in a number of Church activities: monthly Continental Breakfasts, St. Pat's Dinner Dance and Annual Communion Breakfast. If you are interested in membership, please attend one of our meetings, or contact Bob Hammesfahr at 732-291-0082.

Senior Citizen Club

Monthly membership meetings are open to seniors of the community on the second Thursday of the month (Sept.-June) at 11:00am in the Church Hall.

Mother Teresa Regional School-732-291-1050

Mother Teresa Regional School, sponsored by the Churches of Saint Agnes, Saint Catherine, Holy Family, St. Ann and Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a Catholic school dedicated to serving the spiritual, academic, physical and social needs of its students. For further information, or to register for Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade, please contact the school office.

Religious Education-732-291-2035

Religious Education classes are provided for grades 1-8. Classes are held on Tuesday, grades 1-4 from 4:00pm-5:15pm; Wednesday, grades 5, 6 & 7 from 4:00pm-5:15pm and Sunday, once a month for 8th grade at the OLPH campus. Attendance is required for children not attending a Catholic school in order to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the Religious Education Office for further information.

Saints by the Sea Youth Group

The Saints by the Sea Youth Group is open to all students from OLPH and St. Agnes parishes in grades 6-12. Meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the OLPH Gym.

Director: Deacon Robert Johnson

RCIA

The responsibility for evangelization and education properly belongs to all baptized Christians through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, commonly known as RCIA. Adults who want to become Catholic or haven't received all of their sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) are fully initiated into the Church through this Rite. St. Agnes participates in a year-round catechumenate with meetings with mentors held weekly. Participants receive their sacraments at the appropriate Easter Vigil. Adults being confirmed receive Confirmation on the appropriate Pentecost Sunday.

Adults interested in learning more about RCIA, please contact the rectory office at 732-291-0272, or Deacon Don at 732-291-5060.

AACC Food Pantry

Saint Agnes has been happy to participate for many years in providing food to the needy in Atlantic Highlands and surrounding communities through the dedication of the Food Pantry.

All non-perishable food items are NEEDED and GRATEFULLY accepted. Presently over 300 families are being helped through these difficult economic times.

Also, the following cannot be purchased with Food Stamps: deodorant, toothpaste, laundry and dish detergents, feminine hygiene products, shampoo and toilet paper.

Please note: We have a large freezer in the Church Hall for anyone wishing to donate meat, butter/margarine or other frozen items. Please label: Food Pantry

Many thanks and blessings for your continued generosity.



Saint Agnes Church

Mass Intentions

9:00am	<u>Saturday, December 31, 2011</u> Brian Brustowicz (Mom & Dad) John Kochon (Art & Kathy Post)
5:00pm	Maureen Wilson (John & Marie McGowan) Carol Reilly (John & Marie McGowan & Family)
7:30am	<u>Sunday, January 1, 2012</u> Leon & Rae Essayan (Estate) St. Agnes Parishioners
9:00am	Edward Grzydowski (Archibald Family)
10:15am	Walter Walling (Joan) Robert W. Verike (Corneliusen Family)
11:30am	Celestine Mocerino (Spatola Family)
7:00am	<u>Monday, January 2, 2012</u> Deceased members of the Kotoff, Wilityer & Schwarz Families (Estate)
7:00am	<u>Tuesday, January 3, 2012</u> Jack Wankel (Family)
7:00am	<u>Wednesday, January 4, 2012</u> Laura Hesse (Family)
7:00am	<u>Thursday, January 5, 2012</u> Catherine V. Campbell (Campbell Family)
7:00am	<u>Friday, January 6, 2012</u> Mary Czerniewski (Duminski Family)
9:00am	<u>Saturday, January 7, 2012</u> Nettie Gemo (Bob Harrington)
5:00pm	Laura Hesse (Dorothy Monahan) Bridget Cashin (Walter & Madeline Cashin)
7:30am	<u>Sunday, January 8, 2012</u> Marguerite & Thomas Lyons (Joseph & Linda Small)
9:00am	Robert Bruno (Wife & Family)
10:15am	Marie Domini (John Velez)
11:30am	Margaret Nutt (Dan & Judy Smith)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 7, 5:00pm

Lectors: Paul Forsman, Peter Lopusznick

Extraordinary Ministers: Pat Bromka, Roberta Davis, Carolyn Ford, Connie Lopusznick

Altar Servers: Amanda Maxted, Lauren Forsman, Anna Forsman

Sunday, January 8, 7:30 AM

Lectors: Paul & Betty Anderson

Extraordinary Ministers: Tom Gaffey, Karen Gaffey, Denise Rosko, Maureen Hrbek

Altar Servers: Gabriella Rosko, Patrick Corey, Sarah Corey

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 AM

Lectors: Sam D'Ambola, John Barrett

Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Neff, Chris Neff, Julie Casal, Moira Barrett

Altar Servers: Emily Burns, Catherine Monahan, Liam Davis, Griffin Davis

Sunday, January 8, 10:15 AM

Lectors: Joseph Mocik

Extraordinary Ministers: Judith Anderson, Patti Shea, Kathleen Johnson, Jackie White

Altar Servers: Ralph D'Antonio, Brittany Baechle, Allison Halpin, Christopher Williams

Sunday, January 8, 11:30 AM

Lectors: Joe Sacco, Karen Jenkins

Extraordinary Ministers: Bambi Sherman, Jennifer Plumstead, Faye Sacco, Hugo Pinto

Altar Servers: Pierce Niles, Taylor Niles, Erin Craig



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES, ESPECIALLY:

Specialist Michael Smith US Army B Company 2nd Batt. 34-AR; SPC Donald Porter, Bravo Troop 3-89 Cav, 4th Brig. 10th Mountain Division Unit 41546; LCPL Christopher Dechon ; PV2 Edward "EJ" Gross in Iraq; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Tagliabue, Marine left for his 4th USMC tour, and Josh Pershing-US Air Force on his 3rd tour of duty in Iraq.

Lord,

Hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

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Please pray for the military and all deceased members of St. Agnes Parish , especially James Veth.



WE HAVE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO ARE VERY ILL AT HOME, IN HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM, THEIR FAMILIES, MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND CARE GIVERS.

Rich Everett, Melissa Giunta, Pat Adams, Tina Dexheimer, Dominic Granese, Jackie Woods, Sue Calise, Jamie Calise , Margaret Burke, Pat Reed, Catherine Adamo-Tawil, Tommy Welch , Al Kirk, Kathleen Tartavita, Laura Donlon, Doris Hodgkiss-O'Neill, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Moss Mulvihill, Lorraine Paddula, Joseph Hohenleitner , Barbara Wycoff, Christopher McNamara, Louis Boyle, Peter McAllister, Maureen & Joseph Gallo, Bonnie Osborne and Russ Repetti.



The Sanctuary Light in the Church this week is in memory of Robert Bracchi requested by Joan.

The Sanctuary Light in the Spiritual Center may be requested by calling the rectory office.



Flowers may be requested by calling the rectory office.



The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on January 6th. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

Are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?



"Only practical Catholics in union with the Holy See shall be eligible and entitled to continue membership in the order. An applicant for membership shall not be less than 18 years of age on his last birthday." Please contact the Vincent T. Lombardi Council at 732-291-2039 or email Grand Knight, Robert Drach at rjd514@yahoo.com. We will be present at all of the October 15th & 16th Masses at St. Agnes—please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Saint Agnes Church

Schedule of Events



Saturday, December 31, 2011

Men's Sharing 7:30am

Sunday, January 1, 2012



Monday, January 2, 2012

Rectory Office Closed

Divine Mercy

Knitters

No Youth Group

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

No CCD

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

No CCD

Thursday, January 5, 2012

No CCD

Children's Choir: 6:15pm-Church

Adult Choir: 7:30pm-Church

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Men's Sharing 7:30am-SC

Sunday, January 8, 2012

HNS Mass-Meeting Follows

Ave Maria Shop Open

Saint Agnes Travel

Washington, D.C.-Nation's Capital Trip

Guided Memorial & Monuments Tour

4 meals, 2 nights lodging

April 21-23, 2012 (Sat.—Mon.)

Cost \$269 pp Double Occupancy

A \$75 deposit is required; make payable to

St. Agnes Travel

For more information, contact Flo at 732-291-2570.

Saint Agnes Seniors

Mount Airy Trip

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Depart St. Agnes 9am

Return approx. 7pm

Cost \$40; includes \$25 slot voucher, \$10 in food

For more information, call

Marie Nolan at 732-615-0556

Solemnity of Mary



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

Community News

Website Update

We are updating the Websites for Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Saint Agnes Churches. To update information about your organization or ministry on the websites, please send documents to Paul Brustowicz at pablomartin@comcast.net.

If you cannot provide electronic documents, you can send or leave typed hard copy for Paul Brustowicz at either rectory office. The deadline is December 16. We expect to have new websites by the end of the year.

If you have a question, or need clarification send an email to Paul or call him at 732-495-4099.

St. Mary Parish
19 Cherry Tree Farm Road
Middletown, NJ 07748

Employment Opportunity
Part-Time Cafeteria Worker Needed
Please Call 732-787-3647

Father Liber's Address

Fr. Liber Ortega
San Pablo Seminary
P.O. Box 153
2600 Baguio City, Philippines

*Best wishes for a happy and healthy
New Year!*



*Father Will, Father Michael, Msgr. Salemi,
Father Quinlan, Deacon Don, Deacon Rob,
Deacon Ray & Staff*

Mother Teresa Regional School News



.Polar Plunge

Don't forget to join us for the Polar Plunge on January 8th at Merri Makers in Sea Bright. Fr. Will has agreed to take the plunge if someone will donate \$5,000 to MTRS for the plunge. I sure would like to have Fr. Will join me and Bishop O'Connell. If you are interested in sponsoring Fr. Will's plunge, please contact the school.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Mother Teresa Regional School has a three and four year old preschool program. Through play and a variety of activities, the pre-kindergarten program at Mother Teresa Regional School is designed to equip each child with the necessary skills needed to excel in Kindergarten. Through exploration in the areas of Math, Science, Language Development and Religion, our children not only gain knowledge, but also a positive sense of well-being and accomplishment. The three year old program is offered five full or five half days as well as three half days. The four year old program is offered five full days a week.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Hrrmmfff.. this year is going to be **ZERO FUN!**



I've got those New Years Resolution Blues