

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.	12/24	4:30pm 10:00pm	OLPH Parish OLPH Parish
Sun.	12/25	9:00am 10:30am	OLPH Parish OLPH Parish
Mon.	12/26	8:00am	Rev. Stephen V. Horvath (OLPH Parish)
Tues	12/27	8:00am	Father Michael Lynch (Special Intention) (A Friend)
Wed.	12/28	8:00am	Rev. Stephen V. Horvath (OLPH Parish)
Thur.	12/29	8:00am	Patricia Kovic Kaj (Mom & Dad)
Fri.	12/30	8:00am	Robert & Marjorie Broten (Lynn) Salome E. Farillas (Remy & Brian Cobb)
Sat.	12/31	8:00am 5:00pm	Deceased Members of the Cochran & Black Families (Jimmy & Patty Black) Joseph Brignoli (TeresaCoppola & Wanda Ziobro)
Sun.	1/1	9:00am 10:30am	Martha Woodard (Joan Brink) Philip Walsh (Pat & Jim Moran)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 5:00pm

Lector:

Extraordinary Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 9:00am

Lector:

Extraordinary Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012 10:30am

Lector:

Extraordinary Ministers: Carol Alleva

Altar Servers:

Flowers :



No flowers during Advent.



Flag :

This week the flag is flown in memory of Sgt. Michael Michalski.



Sanctuary Light:

The Sanctuary Light this week is in memory of Luke Penta requested by his family.



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 and Edward Chan.



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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church



Congratulations to the following couple that will be married at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church:

- I*
- II*
- III Suzanne Marietta & Jack Doherty*

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Many children are waking up happy on this Christmas Day due to your abundant generosity to the Giving Tree Project. Your kindness has shown all of us how you -our parishioners -continue to give of themselves to help others. Thank you so much for your help at Christmas and throughout the year.

The members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

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”

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.

Kid’s Coloring



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!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Schedule of Events



Sunday, December 25, 2011
Christmas Day



Monday, December 26, 2011
Rectory Office Closed
No Youth Group

Wednesday, December 28, 2011
 K of C Recites Rosary 7:30pm
 Choir 7:45pm

Saturday, December 31, 2011
New Year's Eve
Masses: 8:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1, 2011
New Year's Day
Masses: 9am & 10:30am



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!

Saint Raphael Ministry

Luke 2:1-20 The Birth of Jesus

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. **2** This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town **4** and Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to have her child **7** and she gave birth to her first born son, she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** Now there were shepherds in the region, living in the fields, and keeping the night watch over their flock. **9** The Angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. **10** The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people **11** for today in the city of David a savior has been born to you who is Messiah and Lord **12** and this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." **15** When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go then, to Bethlehem. To see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told to them about this child. **18** All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds, **19** and Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. **20** Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.



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

Saturday, December 24, 2011

4:00pm St. Agnes Parish

7:00pm St. Agnes Parish

12:00Midnight St. Agnes Parish

Sunday, December 25, 2011

7:30am St. Agnes Parish

9:00am St. Agnes Parish

10:15am St. Agnes Parish

11:30am St. Agnes Parish

Monday, December 26, 2011

7:00am Stephanie Derewicz (Family)
Deceased Mebers of the Casey & Phillips
Families (Helen Phillips)

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

7:00am Charles Hesse (Marianne)
Dennis McMichael (Rodriguez Family)

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

7:00am Rev. Msgr. Alfred D. Smith (St. Agnes
Parish))
Rev. Stephen G. Horvath (St. Agnes
Parish)

Thursday, December 29, 2011

7:00am Ann Muratore (Jeannie & Larry McCann &
Sons)

Friday, December 30, 2011

7:00am Theresa Desiata (Aileen)

Saturday, December 31, 2011

9:00am Brian Brustowicz (Mom & Dad)
John Kochon (Art & Kathy Post)

5:00pm Maureen Wilson (John & Marie McGowan)
Carol Reilly (John & Marie McGowan &
Family)

Sunday, January 1, 2012

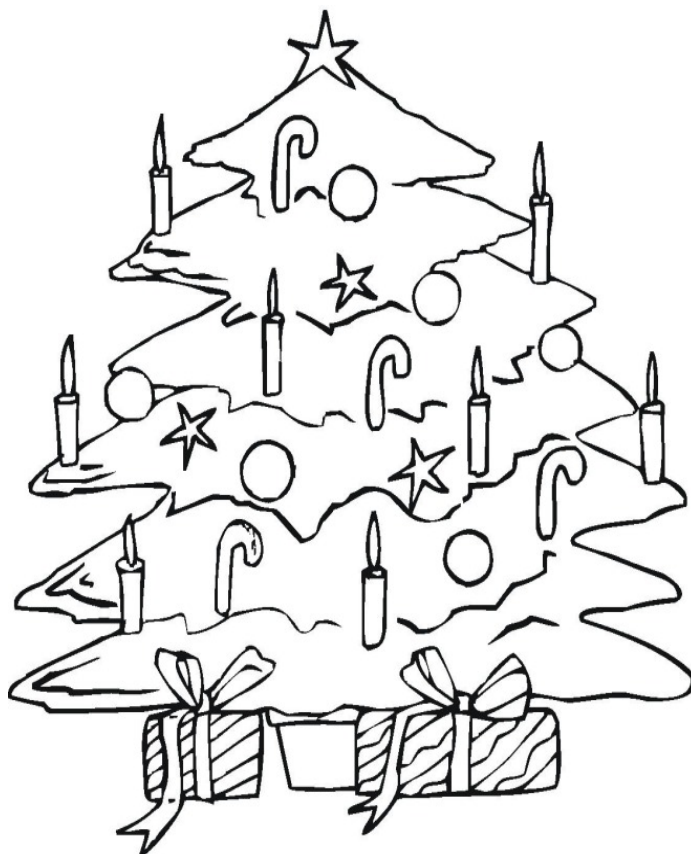
7:30am Leon & Rae Essayan (Estate)
St. Agnes Parishioners

9:00am Edward Grzydowski (Archibald Family)

10:15am Walter Walling (Joan)
Robert W. Verike (Corneliusen Family)

11:30am Celestine Mocerino (Spatola Family)

Kid's Coloring



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

Saint Agnes Church

Weekly Collection

Weekly Collection:	12/11/11	\$ 8,983.00
Last Year's Collection:		\$ 10,164.50
Religious Retirement Fund		\$ 3,042.00

THANK YOU!



The Sanctuary Light in the Church this week is in memory of Dennis McMichael requested by the Osborn family.

The Sanctuary Light in the Spiritual Center this week is in memory of Brian Brustowicz requested by Mom & Dad.

No flowers during Advent.



Help Wanted

St. Agnes CCD is in need of two 7th Grade teachers and substitutes; please call 732-291-2035 for more information.

Religious Education News

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Please pray for the military and all deceased members of St. Agnes Parish.



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.

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 24, 2011

Men's Sharing 7:30am

Christmas Eve

Masses: 4pm, 7pm, 12midnight

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:15am, & 11:30am



Monday, December 26, 2011

Rectory Office Closed

No Youth Group

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

No CCD

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

No CCD

Thursday, December 29, 2011

No CCD

Children's Choir: 6:15pm-Church

Adult Choir: 7:30pm-Church

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Men's Sharing 7:30am-SC

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Youth Group Mass 10:15am



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 12, 2012

Depart St. Agnes 7am

Return approx. 7pm

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

For more information, call

Marie Nolan at 732-615-0556



Why do some parishes offer Midnight Mass on Christmas?



Midnight Mass grew from a custom where people from the countryside gathered in the early monasteries on Christmas Eve to attend Confession, sing hymns, and to participate in the Eucharist. Afterwards, a feast lasted well into Christmas morning. Midnight Mass, or Mass close to midnight, gathers us together to greet the newborn Christ Child. The readings for the liturgy of Midnight Mass proclaim the birth of Christ but also remind us that he came to offer salvation to all people.

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.

Mother Teresa Regional School News



Merry Christmas

The community of Mother Teresa Regional School wishes everyone a blessed Christmas.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

*We wish you a happy and holy
holiday season.
Merry Christmas!*



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

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

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

Diocesan News

The Department of Youth, Marriage and Family Life is hosting our annual World Marriage Day Champagne Luncheon at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Pt. Pleasant. All married couples in the Diocese of Trenton are invited to this special event which will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 12-3pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$75 per couple. The theme of this year's World Marriage Day celebration is "Catholic Marriage in High-Def: Keeping it Holy, Healthy & Real."

Couples may register online at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/worldmarriageday or by calling Beatriz at 609-404-7151.

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