Our Lady of Perpetual Help

3219 Santee Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020

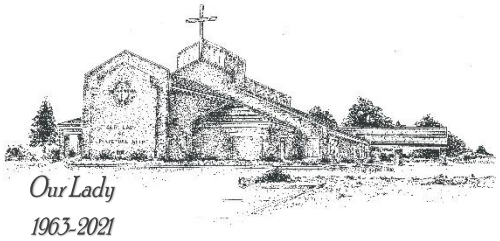
April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord

During the season of Easter, the Church asks us to reflect on Jesus' Resurrection and what it means for us as his disciples today. Spend some time during this Easter thinking about Jesus' Resurrection and the gift of eternal life that he gives to us.

Lord Jesus, we sometimes have a hard time understanding things that happen in life. Help us to remember how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, & skepticism to an unwavering faith & trust in You. Let their experience teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from You. As always, we ask this in your name. Amen.

"Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed." John 20:8



Our Lady
1963-2021

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor:
Rev. Msgr. Edward R Sacks, M.Ed.

Parochial Vicar:
Pastor Rev. Abraham Ha, M.Div.

Resident:
Msgr. David J. Morrison, J.C.D., M.A.

Permanent Deacons:
Deacon George Kelly
Deacon Ralph Sullivan
Deacon Donald Dupont

Administrator of Religious Education:
Mrs. Carol Salabsky (484-547-4412)

Youth Minister:
Mrs. Joey Moser

Pastoral Assistant:
Mrs. Stasia Bradlinski

Director of Liturgy and Music:
Mr. John Keglovits (610-462-1817)

Parish Secretaries:
Mrs. Colleen Yuhas
Mrs. Linda Sullivan
(linda.sullivan@my-olph.org)

PARISH CENTER
610-867-8409 (Phone)
610-867-4870 (Fax)
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Office Hours)
(we are currently open during lunch)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30

Weekday Masses:
Monday -Thursday - 6:45 & 8:00 AM
Friday - 6:45 & 8:45 AM
Saturday - 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
At this time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only. Call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Baptisms are by appointment only. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Please call to make an appointment with one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the intended date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
Call the Parish Center anytime.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal:
Mrs. Danielle Frio, M.B.A.
Monica Henrich (Adm Assistant)
Jennifer Hartman (School Bookkeeper)
610-868-6570 (Phone)
8:25 AM – 3:00 PM (School Hours)

We are a Stewardship Parish and a Eucharist-Centered People

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep our parish family members who are sick, keeping vigil or those who have gone home to God, in your prayers. We especially pray for: Doug Martlock, Betty Verrastro, MaryFrancis Buttillo, Mark Brown, Patricia DiPippa, Dorothy Pavlinski, George Olson, LaDonna & Kenny King, Laurie Kelly, Steve A. Fodor and Mary Linda Saldutti.

Also pray for recently deceased of our Parish: Especially Ferdinand Brenner. May they rest in peace.

Contact Linda Sullivan (linda.sullivan@my-olph.org) at the parish office to have a loved one's name added to our prayer list.

Names removed after 4 weeks to keep list current.
Please call to keep a name on the list for the next month.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 **Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15 **Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18 **Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35 **Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48 **Friday** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14 **Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

THANK YOU to all who have supported our parish through these past months. Your generosity has been very much appreciated. May God bless you for your kindness.

Sunday Collection: (Average per week), for the month of **February 2021,** including Electronic Giving: **$14,481.75. (*Our Average Collection for February 2020 was $18,506.00*)**. If you have not been able to attend Mass and would like to contribute to our Sunday collection, you may mail your contribution to the parish office at 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, drop off your contribution during office hours, or you may enroll in electronic giving.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. -	Arlene Preisler – M/M Jeff Andrews Chris Coppola – Family
9:30 a.m. -	Jeanne Marcantognini – Husband, Joe Regina Dundon – MaryAnn Welsh
11:30 a.m. -	Joan & Shadwick Barry – Family Norma Villa – The Borges Family

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 – Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. -	Nancy Chickey – The Lipp Family Nicholas Connell – Robert Straub

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 – Octave of Easter

6:45 a.m. -	Sol Maria Rivas – Dr. & Mrs. R. Colon
8:00 a.m. -	Joseph Kravatz – Eleanor Kravatz Dick & Regina Dundon – Evelyn Oravec

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 – Octave of Easter

6:45 a.m. -	William Fink – M/M John Majewski
8:00 a.m. -	Helen Bond - Friends

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 – Octave of Easter

6:45 a.m. -	Jerry Akins – M/M Dave Myers
8:00 a.m. -	Cyril Burke – Jim Prior Nicholas Connell – M/M John Majewski

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021 – Octave of Easter

6:45 a.m. -	Mass for the People
8:45 a.m. -	William Wright – M/M Lee Kozsey Michael Conway – Frio Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 – Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. -	Janet Velasquez – Dcn. & Mrs. Dick Thoden Nick Connell – Nichole O'Malia-Guessford
5:00 p.m. -	Catherine Saltry – Family Carmen & Aparicio Marquez – Family

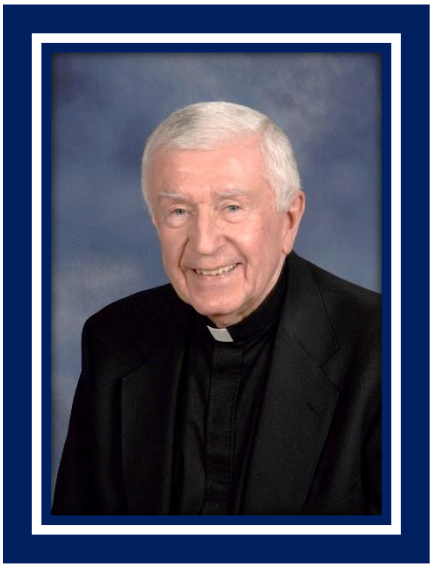
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. -	Anthony Farinaro – M/M Jeff Nichols Patricia Seeger – Sandy & Martin
9:30 a.m. -	Tom Culligan – M/M Bruce Dague Michael Conway – M/M John Bedics
11:30 a.m. -	Joseph F. Leeson, Sr. – Barry Family David Spenzierato – Alice Mankowski

OFFICE HOURS & OPERATION

Our Office is open from 8 am to 4 pm. We are also open during lunch. Most requests can now be handled by email or by phone. Please contact Linda Sullivan at 610-867-8409 or by email at linda.sullivan@my-olph.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FATHER SACKS
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021



On June 15th of this year, I will be retired as the pastor of "Our Lady". It is true, I did not ask to be retired. But I understand and I agree with the decision of the personnel board and our Bishop. It is time for me to step aside.

According to canon law, Pastors must resign from the parish they serve when they reach their 75th. Birthday. I did that 8 years ago and again, every year after that. I was granted 8 one-year extensions by three different bishops, including our present bishop, Bishop Schlert.

I am grateful to God for good health, which I still have, and to the bishops who granted those extensions.

I want to be clear. I am being retired from the Office of Pastor. I am not being retired from the priesthood.

When I came here in 1988, some of you will recall I said I came here to serve, not to be served. God willing, I will try to do that as a priest wherever I go for as long as I live.

There will be no farewell gathering because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I do ask for your prayers and want you to know that I will pray for you every day.

My memories of these past 33 years are priceless. I want to thank you for your support of the parish and your kindness to me.

The incoming pastor has not yet been officially announced. I can tell you one important thing about him. He will be younger than me. I will share more information with you as we get closer to June 15th. This is not the time to say Goodbye. There will be a time for that – but not today.

May God continue to bless you for all you do for Him and for all you do for the people entrusted to your care.

On behalf of Monsignor Sacks, Monsignor Morrison, Fr. Ha, Deacon George, Deacon Ralph, Deacon Don and Deacon Mike as well as our Parish Staff: We wish our Parish Family a Very Happy & Blessed Easter!

Easter Envelopes: There has been a delay in the processing of our yearly Easter Envelopes. If you wish to contribute to the Easter Collection, please feel free to use a plain envelope marked "EASTER". We apologize for this inconvenience and very much appreciate all you do for our Parish.

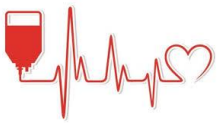
NOTE: Please keep in mind that during the school year, when the school is closed for a holiday or because of inclement weather, the Parish Office will be closed as well.

Our Office will be closed on:

Easter Monday, April 5, 2021

Mark your Calendar

Chicken Dinners to go! On the Menu: Half Roasted Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Baked Potato and Coleslaw. Sunday May 23, 2021. $12 per meal. Drive through the front of the Church between 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. No need to leave your car. All Covid protocols taken. Order forms are currently available on our website, under this week's bulletin. All proceeds stay with and benefit OLPH!



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Our Parish Blood Drive for Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be held This **Sunday April 11**, from 8 AM to 1 PM in the Bloodmobile parked near the porte-cochere entrance. Walk-ins will be welcome at the Bloodmobile. ALL COVID PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS T/C 313 FOOD DRIVE

The Knights will be conducting a food drive for the OLPH food pantry on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 9:00 am to Noon. Non-perishable foods will be collected via a "drive by" in the parking lot between the School and Rectory. Cash donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society will also be accepted.

Please continue to keep the OLPH School Community in your prayers. **Not only are our children learning, but they are also thriving!**

OLPH SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEWS

- Gift cards are on sale at masses at 5pm Saturday and 9:30am Sunday. Orders will be filled during mass and ready for pick up immediately afterwards. We also offer gift card curbside pick-up (church entrance) on Wednesdays at either 10am or 6pm, as well as an online purchasing program called Scrips (www.ShopWithScrip.com). Information sheets for both curbside and the online program are available in the vestibule on the gift card table. Thank you for your continued support.
- Our School is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Tuition is subsidized and transfer grants are available for students who transfer from public, charter and non-Catholic private schools. Contact the school office for details and a tour!
- A Catholic Education is a gift of a lifetime. If you are able to sponsor a needy student, help defray the cost of supplies or make a contribution toward a needed program, please contact the school at 610-868-6570. Your gift is greatly appreciated!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know that Our Lady has a website and a Facebook Page? Find us at www.my-olph.org OR https://www.facebook.com/OLPHBethlehem/ Check us out... Take a minute and give us a "Like and a Thumbs-Up" on Facebook!

Parish Activities ~ Leaders ~ Phone Numbers

Activities Committee	Christine Chew	610-691-6524
Adult Education	Msgr. Sacks	610-867-8409
Altar Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Dcn. Ralph Sullivan	610-258-7708
Blood Bank	Michelle Pelizoto	610-868-6390
Boy Scouts	Dan Dopsovic	610-984-3363
Bible Study Group	Oliver Delgado	610-570-5105
Building Committee	Msgr. Sacks	610-867-8409
Church Clean Team	Fred Koons	610-867-8249
Church Decorating	Linda Sullivan	610-258-7708
Communications	Dcn. Ralph Sullivan	610-258-7708
CYO	David Zambo	610-438-4224
Cub Scouts	Carolyn Crew	610-392-4841
	Ian Fairbairn	610-216-0458
Disabilities Advocate	Julie Dody	610-252-2384
Finance Committee	James Tiefenbrunn	610-691-1714

Get-Away Committee	Tom DiSante	484-456-6818
Greeters Ministry	Anita Guerriere	484-241-1615
Girl Scouts	Kristine Borges	610-867-4129
Grief Ministry	Linda Turk	484-767-3162
Gym Scheduler	Mike Lessig	908-391-6242
Home and School Assoc.	Danielle Wallace	215-692-2527
Knights of Columbus	Frank Castellano	484-274-0351
Liturgy Committee	Msgr. Sacks	610-867-8409
Marian Inn	Joan Pacala	610-657-0158
Maintenance Director	Tom Kovacs	610-751-2907
OLPH Fellowship Club	George Libricz	610-868-0044
Pro-Life	Tony Saldutti	610-533-2711
Ushers	Edward Kloiber	610-861-2924
	Jane Schaffer	610-417-0808
Wedding Consultant	Sue Bennett	610-782-1101
Welcoming Committee	Dolores Pohl.	610-865-9772

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak
(800) 791-9209

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting:
www.reportbishopabuse.org
800-276-1562

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection:
Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
(610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: *Acts* 10:34a, 37-43 Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: *Colossians* 3:1-4 Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears, and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: *John* 20:1-9 When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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ORDER FORM

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
E-MAIL:	

NUMBER OF DINNERS	
$12.00 EACH	
TOTAL	

CHECK #	
CASH	**YES NO**