

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church



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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor

Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Bernice Waller

Director of Faith Formation: Ms. Cynthia Battle

Director of Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor Youth Choir Director:

Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola



*The first purple candle signifies **HOPE**. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.*

Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 (Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
 OLPH WEBSITE**
Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

**Mass Intentions may not be made on
 Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**
Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

**Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
 or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.**

SUNDAY DONUTS
**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
 will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.**
**Organizations and/or Ministries, please
 contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
 will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
 BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

- Sunday (30th)**
 10:00 am For the People
- Monday (1st)**
 8:00 am +AD Hewitt Wilkinson
 By Nicky Wilkinson
- Tuesday (2nd)**
 8:00 am +Victims who perished from Hurricane Melisa
 By Gloria A. Lessington
- Wednesday (3rd)**
 8:00 am +Marshawn Kneeland
 By Gloria A. Lessington
- Thursday (4th)**
 8:00 am +Prince Ikechukwu Nwizu
 By Sahon Palmer
- Friday (5th)**
 6:00 pm **First Friday Holy Hour and Adoration**

Quote for the week
*I cannot go back and change my past.
 I can always learn from it, the good and bad.*



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study
 with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm
 Studying Matthew
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>
Meeting ID: 864 813 98261 Passcode: 509931

Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study
 with Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm
 Studying Habakkuk



Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle A
December 7, 2025
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44



Collections Last Weekend Total \$6,442.00

Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount recorded here is from envelopes marked **“My Sacrificial Gift”** only.

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you put into those envelopes is recorded and provided to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**. They can only be recorded on the **actual date** you submit them.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please only use **black or blue ballpoint pens** when you write your checks.

2026 BOXED ENVELOPES
 Available for **PICK-UP** beginning the weekend of **December 13th**.
 Boxes will be in alphabetical order.
Reminder boxes CANNOT be mailed.

Church Announcements

Sunday, November 30th:

NO CLASSES – Thanksgiving Break

10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 3rd:

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

He was one of the most prolific missionaries of Roman Catholic history. He was instrumental in the establishment of Christianity in India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. Modern scholars estimated that he baptized some 30,000 converts during his lifetime. He helped lepers and taught catechism to Indian kids. Prophet and healer, noted for missionary fervor, Francis Xavier died from a fever while performing missionary work in China in 1552. Pope Gregory V canonized him in 1622. Pope Pius X declared him patron of all foreign missions.

Thursday, December 4th:

10:30-12:30 LOC Food Pantry

Friday, December 5th:

Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

First, he is known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images. Paradoxically, it was the Eastern Christian emperor Leo who forbade the practice, and it was because John lived in Muslim territory that his enemies could not silence him. **Second**, he is famous for his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers, of which he became the last. It is said that this book is for Eastern schools what the *Summa* of Aquinas became for the West. **Third**, he is known as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church, the other being Romanus the Melodist. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

6:00 pm FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Saturday, December 6th:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 7th:

8:45 am Sunday School Teachers Meeting

10:00 am Mass



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Agnes Dua, Edward Glover, *Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, *Helene Matthews, David McNeill, Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, *Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, *Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

PRAYER REQUEST WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Carla Coleman, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, Paul Kearney, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, George Stewart, Donna Stewart-Moore, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

Monthly Prayer From the Pope For Christians in Areas of Conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

OLPH Parishioners

Let's Take Another Look! Are there names that can be removed from the above listing?



- 29th Dallas Lewis
- 30th Robert Ronald Robinson
- 5th Dailia Candance Scott
- 7th Cynthia Battle Tayloria Jordan
- 12th Kathy Gross
- 13th Jasmine Campbell



James & Audrey McNeil 65th on December 3rd
 William & Darlene Shelton 18th on December 8th

Special Thanks

To the OLPH parish family and friends for making me **Queen For A Day** on my 98th Birthday. God Bless You!
 Frances E. Battle

From the Pastor's Desk

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas. Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath. Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NIP AND SIP Friday, November 12th Contact James King 202-439-3360

JOSEPHITE ORDINATION at Church of the Incarnation Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 am

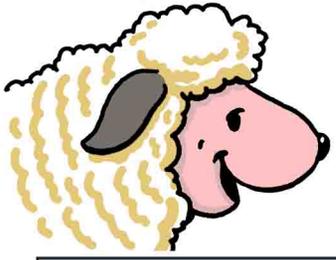
Wards 7 and 8 PRAYER BREAKFAST at OLPH Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 am

LOC CHRISTMAS PROJECT Distribution will be Saturday, December 20th.

Crankin' Through the Holidays – The Sweatsuit Party Edition featuring Rare Essence Sunday, December 28th 5-9 pm (Flyer posted on bulletin board outside church)

GIVE BACK THROUGH #IGIVECATHOLIC! GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

The mission of #iGiveCatholic is to unite Catholic communities and donors throughout the country to express their generosity in support of the organizations that have helped to shape our lives of faith: our parishes, schools, and ministries. #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Back and Give Catholic" on Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity and kindness. **To support our church**, raise funds during this Thanksgiving season, please go to www.igivecatholic.org. **On the Home Page click on Search and type in Our Lady of Perpetual Help – there are several so BE SURE to click on Washington, DC.** Thank you for giving to our parish and may God bless and reward you abundantly. **Happy Giving Week!** #iGiveCatholic accepts online donations **from November 25 during our Advanced Giving Phase through 11:59 PM on December 2.**



Help the disciples get to Jesus and find out what Jesus told them along the way!

Write down the words along the correct path.



Maze containing various words and phrases such as: So, I, you, must, also, praised, blessed, and, love, be, of, by, forgiven, the, Jesus, emphasized, truth, or, anyone, Abraham, and, of, loves, you, because, have, may, will, the, when, peace, God, Peter, eye, anointing, the, hour, you, deny, expect, hate, faith, confession, of, God, I, not, I, will, he, Mary, Man, come, by, down, after, an, in, Him, do, sins, to, and, worship, away, for, the, teaching, end, all, who.



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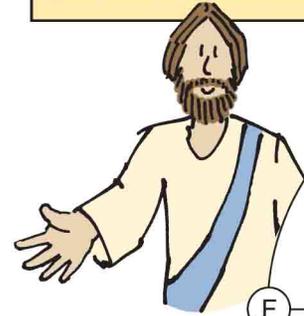
Ages 7+

November 30, 2025 • Matthew 24:36-44

The Coming of the Son of Man

Jesus said that no one knows when the Son of Man will return – except who?

Start at the center and follow the arrows beneath the blanks to find out.



Word search grid with letters: Y, L, T, H, R, F, E, O, N, A, T, E, H.

Navigation arrows starting from the center letter 'O':
 Row 1: O, →, ↗, ↖, ↓, ↙, ↘
 Row 2: ←, ↓, →, ↓, ↗, ↗

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