

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 28, 2025**
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: Melanie Cobb

Seminarian Lawrence Lema



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,**

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 (28th)
 10:00 am For the People

Monday (29th)
 8:00 am Deacon Ira Chase
 By Sahon Palmer

Tuesday (30th)
 8:00 am Deacon Thomas Jones
 By Sahon Palmer

Wednesday (31st)
 5:00 pm **New Year's Eve**

Thursday (1st)
 10:00 am **New Year's Day**

Quote for the week

Stay safe, stay rooted in love,
 and above all...stay close to God.
 Have a blessed week!



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 will resume in February 2026



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
 January 4, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12



Collections Last Weekend Total \$5,510.00

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**
 Boxes are in alphabetical order.
Reminder boxes CANNOT be mailed.

Church Announcements

Sunday, December 28th:

10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 31st:

No 8 am Morning Mass

5:00 pm Vigil New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, January 1st:

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord)



It is the eighth day of Christmastide and is a feast to celebrate Mary's motherhood. We close the Christmas Octave – the eight days following the birth of Christ – with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. In today's Gospel, we learn that Mary honored her commitment to God by naming her child Jesus, the name given to him by the angel Gabriel. In Matthew's Gospel, Joseph is told to name the child Jesus because he will save the people. The name Jesus means "God saves." Even in his name, Jesus announces the mission he came to accomplish. Your family might use today's feast as an opportunity to talk about names. Reflect together on the name of each member of the family. What does each name mean? Why was each person so named? Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:16-21. Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary or singing together, "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly."

No 8 am Morning Mass

10:00 am New Year's Day Mass

Friday, January 2nd:

Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Saturday, January 3rd:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 4th:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:45 am OCIA Meeting

10:00 am Mass

Remember
In Prayer 

HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Carla Coleman, 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, 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, Crystal Jeffrie, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, 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, Donna Stewart-Moore, Patricia Stewart-Brown, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

Happy
Anniversary 

Morris & Yvette Cobb 39th on January 3rd



- 30th Theresa Green Cain
- 31st LeQuania Williams
- 1st Bobbie Johnson-Taylor
- 2nd Sonya Boulware
- 4th Betty Lawson
- 7th Cheryl Jackson
- 8th Melanie Cobb DeShawn Middleton
- 9th Roslyn Holmes Joan Jackson

In your prayers remember the soul of

Christine Wingfield Jenifer (DOD 12-7-25)

Mother of Joseph Jenifer, Jr.
 Services will be here at OLPH
 Tuesday, December 30th
 Visitation 10 am
 Mass of Christian Burial 11 am
 Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery
 Repast in Panorama Room after Interment

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

National Marriage Week (February 7–14, 2026) celebrates the gift of sacramental marriage. Join us at the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass** to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, **February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of **all** couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Couples, **please register with your parish office by February 6, 2026**, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Please contact your parish office to register. The Mass will be celebrated in English and Spanish. Contact Mrs. Bernice Waller with your information at her email: bwaller@live.com.

From the Pastor’s Desk

Family Connection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another. Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.

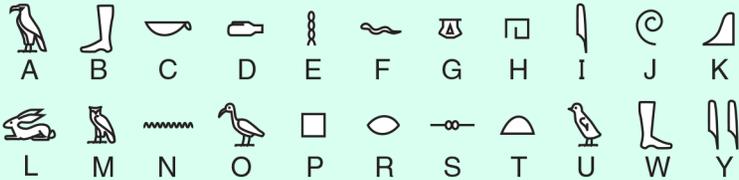


December 24, 2025 through January 2, 2026

OLPH Nip & Sip by the Men’s Club will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026. Tickets are available from James King 202-439-3360.

So he got up, took the Child and His mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.

Use the code to write the letters on the blanks.



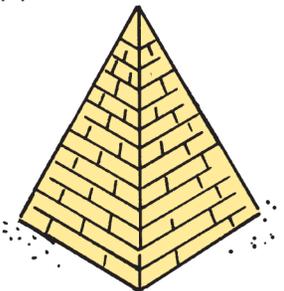
And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet:

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After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the Child’s life are dead.”

Find the correct path through the maze.
 Write the words on the lines below.

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	of				Israel	

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