

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2026 – MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME
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 Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor

Director of Faith Formation: Ms. Cynthia Battle
Youth Choir Director: Melanie Cobb

Seminarian Lawrence Lema

Let us warmly welcome **Father Isaac Opara**



After Jesus was baptized.... he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens, saying *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

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.



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



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 January 18, 2026
 First Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6
 Responsorial Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34



Collections Last Weekend Total \$14,279.00
 Envelopes \$7,294.00 On-Line \$6,985.00
 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.



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

Sunday (11th)
 10:00 am For the People

Monday (12th)
 8:00 am +BD Hal A. Lessington
 By Gloria A. Lessington

Tuesday (13th)
 8:00 am Barbara Baylor
 Special Intentions

Wednesday (14th)
 8:00 am +Renee Nicole Good (Minnesota)
 By Gloria A. Lessington

Thursday (15th)
 8:00 am +BD Wade T. Savoy
 By Kelly Tucker & Family

Quote for the Week
Finding reasons why it won't work will stop me from chasing my dreams.

2026 BOXED ENVELOPES
 Available for PICK-UP
 Boxes are in alphabetical order.
 Reminder boxes **CANNOT** be mailed.

Church Announcements

Sunday, January 11th:

8:45 am OCIA Staff Meeting and Sunday School

10:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 13th:

Memorial of Saint Hilary Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Elected bishop in Poitiers in 353 at the height of the Arians heresy, Hilary held true in face of tremendous opposition. He worked to guide his brother bishops who had fallen prey to pressure from the Arians. Of Hilary, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "This was precisely his gift to combine strength in the Faith and docility on interpersonal relations." Hilary is known for the great work On the Trinity as well as commentaries on the Psalms and Matthew's Gospel. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Thursday, January 15th:

10:30 am LOC Food Pantry

Saturday, January 17th:

Memorial of Saint Anthony the Great

He is known as the Father of All Monks. One of his quotes: "Wherever you find yourself, do not go forth from that place too quickly. Try to be patient and learn to stay in one place."

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, January 18th:

8:45 am OCIA and Sunday School

10:00 am Mass

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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, 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 Baylor, 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



Michael & Thomasina Woods 58th on January 14th

Mitchell & Mary Baylor 21st on January 17th

Raymond & Roberta Young 16th on January 31st



12th Carole Shackelford

13th Delisha Jones Cecilia (Candy) Westray

14th Charita Proctor

17th Jerry Gant

18th Charlene Hursey Courtney Polite-Jackson

19th Yvette Cobb

TIME TO UPDATE

We **NEED** to keep our LISTS current. Please contact Doris Savoy via email dsavoy0642@aol.com. or call the Rectory, Ext.2, when a request to add, as well as the request to remove, a name.

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In Your Prayers Remember the Souls of

Nathan Owens, Sr. (DOD 12/28/25)
Brother of Betty Lawson

Funeral Arrangements will be posted later

Theron Anthony Gray (DOD 12/29/25)
Father of Dawn-Marie Gray

Funeral Services will be held at OLPH on
Friday, January 16th

Visitation 10 am Mass of Christian Burial 11 am
Repat immediately following Mass in the PR

Deborah McNeill (DOD 1/6/26)

Wife of David McNeill and Sister of Katy Crawford
Funeral Services will be held at OLPH on
Wednesday, January 21st

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PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Dear God, we seek Your guidance for our nation as we strive for unity. Help us to overcome divisions and work together in harmony. May our leaders seek Your wisdom and act justly. Grant us the strength to support one another and build a nation where peace and love reign. Heal the wounds of discord and let us be a beacon of hope and cooperation.

Pastor's Corner

At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin his public ministry. As family members, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission. Gather as a family to read today's Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17. Recall that God's message about Jesus was meant for us, "This is my beloved Son." It was also an affirmation for Jesus about his role in God's plan. Place each family member's name on a slip of paper and put the names in a bowl. Invite each person in the family to choose another family member's name and to prepare a message for that person, affirming their importance in God's eyes and in your family life. Pray together that your family will continue to support one another in your baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus and then invite each person to read aloud the message they prepared. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.





A voice came from heaven!
What did it say?

Write a word to fit each meaning,
then transfer the letters to the blanks.

A flowing body of water

1 2 3 4 5

An infant

6 7 8 9

A watercraft

10 11 12 13

A lady

14 15 16 17 18

Assist

19 20 21 22

A snow toy

23 24 25 26

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 13 19 2 23 2 23 16 9
 23 15 18 14 19 11 16 2
 24 11 3 4 14 2 13 19
 19 2 16 2 17 16 14 20 21 21
 22 21 4 7 23 4 26
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The Baptism of Jesus

Jesus did something special.

Move through the puzzle in the directions of the arrows
under the lines. Write the letters on the lines.

J

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↗ ↓ → ↑ ↗ ↑ ← ↓ ↘ ↓ ↗ ↑ ↑

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↙ ↓ ↙ → ↗ ↓

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John thought that Jesus should baptize him!
But Jesus told John to do the baptizing and said ...

Solve the math problems.

Then use this code to find out what Jesus said.

36 = A	64 = G	18 = M	75 = S	13 = Y
29 = B	81 = H	19 = N	24 = T	26 = Z
93 = C	132 = I	20 = O	23 = U	
40 = D	151 = J	27 = P	94 = V	
7 = E	2 = K	71 = Q	111 = W	
17 = F	5 = L	48 = R	108 = X	

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When Jesus was baptized and came up out of the water, heaven opened and something happened. What?

Connect the dots. Write the words in order on the lines below.


