

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026
JULY: MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church



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Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones

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The Path

Rocky Ground

Among Thorns

Good Soil

Let us **Rejoice, Congratulate and Pray** for our newly elected Auxiliary Bishops of Washington
Most Rev. Robert P. Boxie, III and Most Rev. Gary Studniewski

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 FELLOWSHIP**WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!**

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

Sunday (12th)

10:00 am For the People

Monday (13th)

8:00 am +AD Vincene Jenkins

By Betty Swammy & Beverly Franklin

Tuesday (14th)

8:00 am +Oliver Opara

By The Morning Mass Group

Wednesday (15th)

8:00 am +BD Jean Bernadine Hawkins

+BD Sr. Mary Fidelis Craig, OSP

By Millicent Hawkins

Thursday (16th)

8:00 am +BD Barbara Billings Leftwich

By Dorethea Billings

Quote for the Week

The grand essentials for happiness in this life are
 something to do, something to love and
 something to hope for!

**Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study**

with Deacon Ira Chase will resume August 11, 2026

6:30 pm and will study Mark.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>

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Meeting ID: 864 813 98261**Passcode: 509931****Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study with**

Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm

Continuing with Zechariah

**WORD OF GOD****Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2026****First Reading:** Wisdom 12:13,16-19**Responsorial Psalm** 86:5-6,9-10,15-16**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13:24-43

TITHES & OFFERINGS
 ALL I HAVE IS YOURS

Collections Last Weekend \$6,659.00

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 **USE ONLY BLACK**
or BLUE BALLPOINT pens when you write your
 checks to OLPH.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention (July)
For Respect For Human Life

*Let us pray for the respect and protection of
 human life in all its stages, recognizing it as
 a gift from God.*

Church Announcements

Sunday, July 12th:

10:00 am Mass

5:00 pm-9:00 pm OLPH Cancer Season Celebration

Featuring Rate Essence

Proceeds benefit the Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, July 14th:

Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

She is also known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," and became the first Native American saint in 2012. She was raised in Auries Ville, New York, by her uncle, a Mohawk chief, after her parents died from a smallpox epidemic. After encountering Jesuit priests in her village, she converted to Catholicism at 19. She was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. Her relatives and the village attempted to punish her for her beliefs. She later ran away to Montreal, Canada, where she could practice her faith and live out her life as a consecrated virgin. Beatified by Pope John Paul II and Canonized by Pope Benedict X on October 21, 2012. She is the Patron Saint of Environment and Ecology.

Wednesday, July 15th:

Feast of Saint Bonaventure Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Italian Saint Bonaventura, original name Giovanni Di Fidanza, (born c. 1217, died July 15, 1274; Canonized April 14, 1482; leading medieval theologian, minister general of the Franciscan order, and cardinal bishop of Albano. He wrote several works on the spiritual life and recodified the constitution of his order (1260). He was declared a doctor (teacher) of the church in 1587. Bonaventure was particularly noted in his day as a man with the rare ability to reconcile diverse traditions in theology and philosophy. He united different doctrines in a synthesis containing his personal conception of truth as a road to the love of God.

Thursday, July 16th:

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile, in South America. If we go back to Lourdes we can begin to see a divine theme being developed. The Blessed Virgin's last appearance at Lourdes was on July 16, 1858, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

10:30 am LOC Food Pantry

Saturday, July 18th:

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 19th:

10:00 am Mass

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Janice Alston, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Baylor, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, Alfreda Bogans, Baby Christopher Anselm Brandmeier, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Yvonne Carmichael, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, **Deacon Ira Chase**, Judy Chase, Lillian Chatmon, Alberta Colbert, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, Shelia Gray, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, James Jackson, Joan Jackson, Maxine Jackson, Crystal Jeffrie, Audrey Johnson, Herman Johnson, **Deacon Thomas Jones**, Louis Jones, James King, Jessica King, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Helene Matthews, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, **Father James McLinden, SSJ**, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Rose Quander-Nevedon, Malaika Reed, Robert Ronald Robinson, Sr., Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, Donna Stewart-Moore, Patricia Stewart-Brown, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Mozelle Tucker, William Paul Tucker, Carolyn Wheeler, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Gloria Williams, Brian Yeldell, and Raymond Young

Several names have been on the prayer listing for over 6 months. I will be slowly removing names as our bulletin decreases in size. Requests have been made, but only one or two parishioners have responded.



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Carla Coleman, **Darlene Banks, Agnes Dua, Loretta Ford, Edward Glover, *Cordella Gough, *Agnes Maxine Hart, **John Hawkins Hamilton, William Jackson, Jr., Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Betty Lawson, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, Gloria Ann Moore, Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, *Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

16th MiiLah Carter17th William Saffron21st Terneara Carter24th Carolyn Alston William Alston25th Brenda Banks Amanda Hughes

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Alex & Beverly Ford 56th on July 18th

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For the month of July, OLPH will be collecting ties and men's belts. The items will be donated to Martha's Table to support the men in our community. The black bin is in the rear of church. If you have any questions, please contact Millicent Hawkins.

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Daily Prayers for Everyone To Consider
Pray for our Church
Pray for our Pastor
Pray for One Another

Pastor's Corner

The Generous Sower

*"A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up..." **Matthew 13:3-4***

A parable is a method that both *reveals* and *conceals*. It reveals divine truth to those who are humble and receptive and conceals that same truth from those whose hearts are closed. The truths of the Kingdom are not concepts that can be quickly grasped. They are divine mysteries that must enter the soul and be pondered and nourished. Only the spiritually docile can penetrate their depths and allow God's Word to transform their lives. **The Sower is Christ.** The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart, in all its various conditions of readiness and receptivity. Some souls await God's Word like freshly tilled, moist, and fertilized soil. As soon as the seed enters, it begins to grow rapidly—until fully grown and producing good fruit. Other souls are less receptive. Like the path, some hearts are hardened, stubborn, refusing to receive divine truth. The Word is heard but not truly received. The enemy snatches it away before it can penetrate. Hearts that are like rocky ground are those who initially receive the Word with joy but lack perseverance. When trials come, they fall away. They may attend Mass, read Scripture, or begin with fervor, but without deep interior conversion rooted in prayer, they cannot endure the heat of testing. The thorny heart is the divided heart, where the Word of God is mixed with anxieties, riches, and pleasures.

The Gospel is heard—perhaps even cherished—but it is suffocated by worldly attachments, ambition, or fear. Earthly anxieties and the fascination of riches are thorns that smother the soul and prevent it from growing. Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Ministry is awarding three (3) **\$1,500** scholarships for members of OLPH Church in these following categories:

- Adult student over 21 accepted into a university, community college, vocational or technical school;
- College student (freshman, sophomore, junior or senior); and/or
- High school student, who have been accepted or are enrolled in an Archdiocese of Washington Catholic High School.

Applications are on the table in the rear of church and the OLPH Website. Your **completed application** should be emailed to Amanda Tucker (amandaltucker111@gmail.com) and Tanja Doy (tanja.doy@icloud.com) no later than **Sunday, July 26, 2026.** If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Tucker at 301-204-3482 or Ms. Doy at 301-526-2170. **Scholarship recipients will be announced at Mass on Sunday, August 2, 2026.**