CHURCH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Diocese of Harrisburg / Staffed by the Redemptorists

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed) and 11:00 a.m. (livestreamed)
Weekday: 9:00 a.m.; *Saturday:* 9:00 a.m. (each livestreamed)
Holydays: Vigil Mass (the evening before) 7:00 p.m. and
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (day of feast)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call the parish office for a priest to anoint the sick.
If confined at home, call for a Minister to bring Holy Communion.

PASTORAL STAFF

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WELCOME TO OMPH!

If you are new to our parish we hope you enjoy your visit with us. If you would like to know more about our parish or the Catholic faith, please call Linda with the RCIA at 717-733-2676.

God bless,
Fr. John

MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Eucharistic worship and empower ALL to be disciples of Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office	717-733-9641
FAX	717-733-2119
St. Clement	717-733-6596
Convent	717-733-1291
School	717-738-2414
Religious Ed Center	717-738-4517
Lancaster Catholic High School	717-509-0315

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Formation
Theresa Novotnak 717-738-5061
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Benevolent Society
Harry Lowe 717-733-9641
Bereavement
Mary Burkholder 717-733-4989
Bible Study Series
Deacon Jim Lawson 717-799-0080
Boy Scouts
Mark Hartman, Scoutmaster 717-203-3461
Church Cleaners
Sandy Kurz 717-733-9453
Coffee Corner
Weiser Family 717-859-2765
Collection Envelopes
Kim Kernaghan 717-733-9641
Eucharistic Ministers
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Ginny Di Ilio 717-733-7454
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Pastoral Council
Joe Kadingo 717-336-6936
Deacon Jim Lawson 717-779-0080

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28
9:00 a.m. ✞ Alycia Gorlaski-Andros

Tuesday, September 29
*7:00 a.m. ✞ Sue Eisenbise
9:00 a.m. ✞ Marlene Cassidy

Wednesday, September 30
9:00 a.m. ✞ Joseph Windish, Jr.

Thursday, October 1
9:00 a.m. ✞ Fr. Paul Bryan, C.Ss.R.

Friday, October 2
9:00 a.m. ✞ Pete Hecker

Saturday, October 3
9:00 a.m. ✞ Patrick Cassidy
5:00 p.m. ✞ Michael & Mary Lucky

Sunday, October 4
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. ✞ Howard Nast
11:00 a.m. ✞ Edward Stanley Hydock

*Mass will be said in private

Diocese of Harrisburg 6th Annual (Virtual) Women's Conference

Diocesan Women's Conference Registration, schedule, and other information is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women for the sixth annual Diocesan Women's Conference, taking place Saturday, **October 17,** 2020, from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. This year's conference is Virtual. The theme is ***Catholic Women: Our Place at the Table.*** The Keynote Speaker is **Emily Stimpson Chapman,** nationally known Catholic author, speaker and blogger. The title of her **keynote address is:** ***Tasting the Love of God: Finding Healing and Joy at the Catholic Table.*** Other featured speakers are **Bishop Ronald Gainer** and **Mrs. Megan Murphy.** There will also be **Eucharistic Adoration** as well as **Praise and Worship** music. **Cost is just $10.00 per person.** Registration this year is online only. Please join us for this fabulous conference!

Please invite all the women in your life…mothers, daughters, sisters, in-laws, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, neighbors, etc. Our conference is being advertised nationally this year. Please put the link on your Facebook, Instagram, Social Media pages. We would love to have thousands of women join us from across our Diocese, around the country, and throughout the continent, for this year's Virtual Women's Conference. Just $10.00 this year. Please do join us!

https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens-conference/ –
Website Link and Registration Page

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR
Adoration: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; *Holy Hour*: Friday, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – **Friday at 9:00 a.m. (10 days prior)**

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Denise Duchesneau 717-859-5835

POPE'S CORNER

PRAYER

Let everything enter into dialogue with God: joy as well as guilt, love as well as suffering, friendship as much as sickness. Everything can become a word spoken to the 'You' who always listens to us.

General Audience
24 June 2020

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Feast day: October 2nd

Marie Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France on January 2, 1873. Her mother died of breast cancer when Thérèse was four. She was brought up in a model Christian home. While still a child, she felt the attraction of the cloister, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux. For the next nine years, she lived a very ordinary religious life. There are no miracles, exploits or austerities recorded of her. She attained a very high degree of holiness by carrying out her ordinary daily duties with perfect fidelity, having a childlike confidence in God's providence and merciful love, and being ready to be at the service of others. She also had a great love of the Church and a zeal for the conversion of souls. She prayed especially for priests. She died of consumption on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, and was canonized in 1925.

She has never ceased to fulfill her promise: "I will pass my heaven in doing good on earth." Her interior life is known through her autobiography called *Story of a Soul*. Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Adapted from catholicculture.org

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate what God's kingdom is like. The father amply provided for his sons' food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son?

Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear – Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

When I was stationed at Sacred Heart Parish in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, the parish needed to raise a lot of money. When I became pastor the parish was in debt, so I had to go to the parishioners and ask for money. It was a difficult experience, but wonderful as well. I remember this one woman sent me a letter with only a few dollars enclosed. She wrote that she was on a fixed income and the amount enclosed was all she could afford. She wanted to contribute more, but could not. Her disappointment was evident in her words. I was humbled that she took the time to write the letter and that she gave all she had - she carried out her good intentions.

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect His will and then do it. God offers each one of us the greatest possible treasure – eternal life! And in this life on earth, He gives us a foretaste of the life to come – peace, joy, and happiness. But we can lose this treasure if we refuse His grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength – which the Lord Jesus has won for us through His victory on the cross.

Let us pray for the strength to say "Yes" like Mary our Mother, so that we may inherit the greatest treasure there is - eternal life with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

May Mary, our Mother, bring you peace and hope!

Fr. John

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2020 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Parish Goal ..... $ 103,856
Current Gifts & Pledges ..... $ 84,085.00

If you would like to donate, you may go to www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign or drop your donation in the basket at Church or at the Parish Office. Thank you to all who have donated!

CHURCH SUPPORT – *THANK YOU!*

DATE	2019	2020
September 13th Week	$ 13,082.28	$ 11,357.52
YTD Totals	$144,472.31	$152,378.21

PARISH MINISTRIES

OMPH Church Cleaners – Sanitizing the Church

The Church Cleaners are a ministry in our parish that perform a wonderful ministry of cleaning the church. They come into the church, they do their work and they are gone. They are truly humble servants. During the Pandemic, the Church Cleaners have volunteered to sanitize the church after the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday. They will be assigning different members of their group to each weekend Mass, but they are looking for more members to join their ministry after the weekend Masses. "Many hands make light work" as the expression goes! You are welcome to help the Church Cleaners sanitize after the weekend Masses even though you are not formally a member of the ministry team. As we hear in the Gospel, **"To anyone who has, more will be given."** You will receive a hundredfold for your kindness. If you're interested in joining the Church Cleaners, please call Sandy Kurz at 717-733-9453.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Looking for something to do, check out the Parish Calendar on the website!

Sept. 27	Knights of Columbus Meeting – Fr. Kuhn Hall
Sept. 28	RCIA – Parish Meeting Room
Sept. 30	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Church
Sept. 30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Church
Sept. 30	That Man Is You – Bernadine Center
Oct. 2	Benediction, Holy Hour & Divine Mercy Chaplet – Church

PRAYERS AND MISCELLANEOUS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We will be publishing the names of your dear loved ones who are seriously ill or injured. After the period of one month, their names will be removed. **For example, names announced in the bulletin the third week of the month will be removed the third week of the following month**. If, at that time, prayers are still needed, please feel free to contact the parish office, and we will be more than happy to republish your loved one's name.

Jane Muldowney, Anna Lesher, Florence Windish, Patrick Michael Ward, Jody Shimp, Megan Kreider, John Mento, Anna Finkey, Joanne Dever, Josie Novotnak, Mary Stanavage, Mary Ann Wilk, Theresa Foley, Diane Lerman, Philomena Rozario, Barbara Beebe, Sean Hanrahan, Barbara Szobonya, Pat Fry, Margaret Gardner, Jude Oniskey, Ben Dangelo, Carlos Torres (father), Marlene Battisti, Carlos Torres (son), Marianne Kurtz, Maggie Rutter, Gregory Flemming, John Coleman, Maryanne Kurtz, Phoenix Rann

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2021 Mass Intention Book is now available during Parish Office hours Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PARISH LIFE

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed! May the Holy Spirit give them the increased ability to practice their Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in every situation.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, DEATH

Amelia Mary Lawson is being held by her Godmother, Valerie Scialabba and smiling at her parents, Greg and Karrie, while Deacon Jim baptizes her on September 19, 2020. We welcome you into the Holy Catholic Church, Amelia. You will always be in our prayers!

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

As we get closer to November 3, please pray to our Our Blessed Lady for peace in our land, for an end to all violence, and for unity among all God's people.

SANCTUARY LAMP

You may have the Sanctuary Lamp burn for a sick or deceased loved one for a donation of $5.00 to defray the cost of the candles. This week, the candle burns for Tommy Miale.

FAITH FORMATION • RCIA • RELIGIOUS ED

***myParish* App**
If you have an iPhone or an Android, this is the app for you. It's simple to use, and it helps our parish to be more connected and to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus. Text **App** to phone number 88202, or visit myparishapp.com to download.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Join us Sunday, September 27, 2020 as we kick off our year with a Mass at 9:00 a.m. **IN THE GYM**! After Mass, there will be a short family meeting to review procedures for RE this year. In-person classes will start Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Starting September 27 and for the foreseeable future, OMPH will have a 9:00 a.m. Mass in **both** the church and the gym. Starting October 4, in-person RE classes will take place from 10:15-11:30. If you have any questions or haven't registered for either the In-Person or online religious education, please contact the RE Office at 717-738-4517 or omphreled@omph.org.

OMPH REC BOARD: The OMPH Religious Education (RE) program is looking for volunteers to help enrich our RE program by joining our new REC Board. The REC Board is made up of parents, teachers, students, and parishioners. The Board will help to brainstorm, plan, coordinate, and grow the RE program. If you are interested in being part of this board, please contact Fr. Jim.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or someone you know have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time! The only prerequisite is to be 18 years or older and have already received the Sacrament of First Communion. The classes are four weeks long, starting in September. Please contact Linda Garbarino at 717-733-2676.

RCIA NEWS: RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Its purpose is to introduce Catholicism to those who are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Classes began Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Linda Garbarino at 717-733-2676.

FORMED: This Catholic website (formed.org) is truly one of the great treasures available to our parishioners – and it's free. All you need to do is go to the website formed.org and search for our parish and then register. On formed.org, you can access thousands of movies, religious programs, audios and books – instantly. Here you can watch some of the best Catholic movies, children's programs, and engage in entertainment that supports a Catholic lifestyle. There are Bible stories, stories of saints, documentaries, and sacramental preparation materials. What's even better, you can watch it anywhere from any device!

FAMILY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: It's not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.

Breaking Open the Word
Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word
When you hear the story of the two sons, what about it touches your heart? What image lingers in your memory from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life
Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what He asks, even when it is difficult for you?
Question for Youth: Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?
Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

OMPH YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Bring Blessings to the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass! A BIG THANK-YOU to the following youth who participated in the 5:00 p.m. Mass on September 19 by greeting, reading, handing out bulletins, sanitizing the church after Mass, altar serving, and helping put chairs away: Michael, Emmanuel, Caden, Zach, Jake, Matt, Eddie, Naiomi, Theresa, Joey, Gabriel, Sam, Jeremiah, Daniel, David, Ryan, Gabe, and Noah. It was great to see all of you involved in the liturgy! Thanks for being a HUGE blessing to everyone!

Want to help out at the next 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass? Contact Denise Duchesneau for a link to Sign-Up Genius.

The Youth Group Has Been Served! A HUGE thank you to THE MCGILLAN FAMILY for donating, transporting, and setting up a ping-pong table, paddles and ping-pong balls for the OMPH Youth Group! Michael, Jody, Matt, Zachary and Thomas – we are so blessed that you thought of us! Their donation brings the Bernadine Center closer to being ready for all of YOUth to meet! Watch for the "official opening meeting" details coming soon!

The Bernadine Center Continues to get a Makeover: Things are starting to look a little different in the Bernadine Center...but there is still time for YOU to help decide what the youth space will be! Cleaning has begun, painting is still needed. Check out the YOUth Ministry Bulletin Board in the Church Narthex for ongoing updates! Lend a hand and hang out on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact Denise Duchesneau to sign up!

PARISH WEBSITE AND CALENDAR

Please do not forget to visit our new parish website (omphchurch.com). We are constantly updating it with new information. Any ministries needing to schedule space for an activity, please complete the Calendar/Event Request Form on the website omphchurch.com under News & Events.

ROSARY RALLY!
HELP OUR LADY'S PEACE PLAN!

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, imploring His urgent help. There will be a Rosary Rally on October 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church parking lot, 320 Church Avenue, Ephrata. This rally is in response to Our Lady's request at Fatima to pray the Rosary for reparation of sin, conversion and for peace in the world. Please join us! For more info, contact Susan Strosser at 717-203-1070 or susan@strosserfamily.com.

ENTERING PARISH BUILDINGS DURING TIME OF PANDEMIC

We ask that when you enter any of the parish buildings, to please follow the Diocesan guidelines set forth during the time of pandemic.

If you are coming to Mass:

- Please be sure to wear a mask for your safety and those around you.
- Please be sure to sanitize your hands when coming into church.
- Please be sure to keep safe distance when on church property.
- Please follow the usher's instructions for seating and receiving Communion.
- Families living in the same household do not need to distance from each other.
- Responding with *prayers-responses* at Mass is encouraged, but singing is not at this time.
- Please do not congregate inside or outside of church at this time.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask you to please not come to church. We are live-streaming the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass for all those who cannot come to church.

Parish Office Hours

- Parish Office hours are: M**onday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

If you are coming to the Parish Office (Mass intention, meeting, or other parish business),

- Please be sure to wear a mask.
- Please be sure to sanitize your hands when entering the building.
- If you are not feeling well, we ask you please not to come into the parish building, but to call us or email the parish office and we will try to be of assistance to you in any way we can.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS & ONLINE GIVING

Are you unable to attend Mass?

- You may mail your weekly offering to the Church at 320 Church Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522.
- *TEXT-TO-GIVE* by texting the amount you would like to give to our number *717-401-4159* **and hit "send" or**
- Sign up for Online Giving at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4232.

THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR PATIENCE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU – GOD BLESS YOU!

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL COVID-19 TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

As a result of the Coronavirus, our families are facing significant challenges in their lives, including unemployment and loss of income. Our OMPH School community remains steadfast in our support of our students during this pandemic. To support our students and their families in need, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic School has established the COVID-19 Tuition Assistance Fund. A gift to this specific fund can lessen the financial burden for our families so that we may continue to empower our students to reach their fullest potential, spiritually and academically. DONATE NOW AT osvonlinegiving.com/4431/Home/NewQuickGive www.omph.org, Facebook @OMPHEphrata OR Mail donation to: Our Mother of Perpetual Help School – Development Office. Thank you for any support you can provide!

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP AFTER WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. MASS

We are so fortunate to have OMPH as our patroness here at our parish. The Wednesday Novena is always a good reminder to me of all the graces that flow through our Blessed Mother to protect us and to keep us safe. She truly is our mother, may we continue to run to her in total confidence and trust. As we celebrate our parish feast, we are particularly thankful for all the graces we have received through the loving arms of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET EVERY FRIDAY – 3:00 P.M.

I really look forward to the Holy Hour each Friday with the Blessed Sacrament exposed as we chant the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We're also praying for an end to the Pandemic, for the victims of the virus, and for all those who are sacrificing to keep us safe – first responders and health care professionals. During the Holy Hour, we are also praying for all of the needs of our parishioners. During the hour of prayer, we are also reading a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament by St. Alphonsus Liguori with a prayer of Spiritual Communion. This is a difficult time, but Our Blessed Lord has promised us that He would never abandon us – He is with us always. Join us for this very special time of prayer.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help
SCHOOL SCENE September 27, 2020

First Mass of the 2020-21 School Year

On Friday, September 11th, OMPH students and faculty gathered for the first Mass of the 2020-2021 school year. Fr. Jim shared how our students can bring their LIGHT of faith to the world! Students in grades 6-8 attended Mass in the church while the younger grades watched the live-stream from their classrooms. Students in the younger grades will attend next week, alternating their presence in the church to accommodate social distancing. Students who watched in their classroom were blessed to receive Communion following Mass.

May God bless our students, faculty, and staff during this school year!

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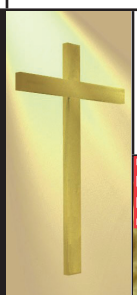

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