

CHURCH OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Diocese of Harrisburg / Staffed by the Redemptorists



320 Church Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522 • 717-733-9641

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed) and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed); Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed)

Holydays: Vigil Mass – 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed) and 7:00 p.m. (day of feast)

RECONCILIATION

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

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR

Adoration: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Holy Hour: Friday, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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 Deacon Jim with the RCIA at 717-799-0080.

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
Office Hours:	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
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
Adult Volleyball	
Drew Geiss	717-733-6438
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Dennis Wilczek.....	610-368-3689
Art & Environment	
Denise Auker	717-286-3088
Athletic Association	
Chris Sheaffer.....	717-471-4994
Baptisms	
Deacon Jim Lawson	717-799-0080
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	
Kim Kernaghan	717-733-9641
Divine Mercy Prayer Group	
David Olszewski	717-271-8251
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
Mary Burkholder	717-733-4989
Finance Council	
Dave Goss.....	717-575-1246
Good Samaritans	
Chris Isbrandt.....	717-682-7187
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Jere Cassidy	717-690-4755
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Scott Harper	717-201-1551
Legion of Mary	
Liturgy Planning Group	
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Live Streaming	
Scott Harper	717-201-1551
Nursery Coordinator	
Laura Kauffman.....	717-575-8221
Outreach	
Dave Hugenbruch	610-750-4749

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 15th

* ⚡ Joe Corriera &
Brandi Berg
9:00 a.m. ⚡ Connie Shatzer

Tuesday, November 16th

9:00 a.m. ⚡ Jenna Gunselman

Wednesday, November 17th

* ⚡ Barbara Malcheski
9:00 a.m. ⚡ Josephine Heilmeyer

Thursday, November 18th

* ⚡ Gretchen Brandt
9:00 a.m. ⚡ Helen Starry

Friday, November 19th

* Fr. John Biermann, S.A.C.
9:00 a.m. ⚡ Dolores Hero

Saturday, November 20th

9:00 a.m. ⚡ Marianne Rudy
5:00 p.m. ⚡ Thomas Clay

Sunday, November 21st

7:30 a.m. Parishioners
9:00 a.m. ⚡ Esteban Dimaano
11:00 a.m. ⚡ Nicasio Jumarang

⚡ = For the Repose of the Soul of ...

* Mass will be said in private at St. Clement's Mission House

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit articles to Jeanne McAleer at perpetualhelp@omph.org by Friday morning – 10 days prior.

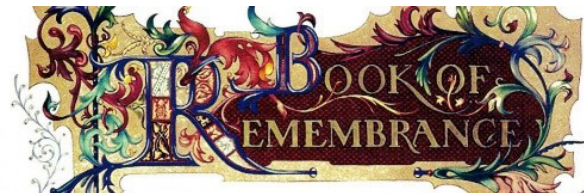
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Please submit articles for the December 5th Bulletin by Wednesday, November 24th.



The Matthew 25 Collection – November 20-21

There will be a second collection next weekend. The Matthew 25 Collection fights poverty, hunger and homelessness in our Diocese. The Matthew 25 Collection allows the Diocese of Harrisburg to address the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing on a local level through food banks, soup kitchens and other parish-supported projects that assist those in need.



In the back of the church, you will find our **Book of Remembrance**. Please list the names of your beloved deceased in this book and this book will be placed upon the altar at Masses during the month of November.

PARISH MINISTRIES, CONTINUED

Pastoral Council

Joe Kadingo 717-336-6936 || Deacon Jim Lawson | 717-799-0080 |

Parish Library

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Kathleen Stoltzfus..... 484-269-4530 |

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Faith Nikolaus 717-738-4517 |

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Yearlings

Gloria Kreider..... 717-738-9098 |

Youth Ministry

Denise Duchesneau..... 717-859-5835 |

POPE'S CORNER



Jesus Christ

Faith is not an album of past memories; Jesus is not outdated. He is alive, here and now.

Homily
April 3, 2021

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Feast of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Feast Day: November 18th

Philippine was the daughter of a prominent French lawyer and was educated by the Visitation nuns, whom she later joined. During the French Revolution, the Order was dispersed and she served the sick and poor, as well as fugitive priests.



In 1804, she joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart. When Bishop Dubourg asked for nuns for his American diocese, Philippine begged for permission to go. She was 49 when she arrived at St. Louis, Missouri and established the first convent of the Society at St. Charles.

She opened a school for Indians and whites at Florissant, the first free school west of the Mississippi. Her one ambition, however, was to work among the Indians. She was 72 when she traveled by boat and oxcart to Sugar Creek, Kansas, to labor among the Potawatomis. Their convent was a wigwam and they slept on the bare ground. They opened a school for Indian girls and taught them household arts. Philippine thought herself a failure because she could not master English, much less the Indian language, but her holiness made a deep impression on the Indians who called her "the woman who always prays."

The severe winters and the lack of food sapped her health and she was sent back to St. Charles. She spent the last decade of her life praying "for her Indians" and for the Society which she had established. She died at St. Charles, thinking herself a failure, yet she was the first missionary nun among the Indians, blazing the trail for a host of valiant women who were to follow her.

Excerpted from *A Saint A Day*,
Bерchmans Bittle, O.F.M.Cap

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Master Vision Town Hall Meetings

This is an exciting time for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church! OMPH has spent the past two years discerning the direction in which we think the Lord is calling us, that we might fulfill, even more deeply and faithfully, our vision to be "a welcoming community witnessing our faith in Christ and growing in our relationship with Jesus as we journey together toward eternal salvation."

To continue to be faithful stewards, we needed to evaluate not only our present needs, but also our future needs. Out of this intent came our Master Plan Vision and, most recently, our Feasibility Study, which we asked all parishioners to participate in.

Over the past month, you should have received more information on our vision as well as a survey, via mail and email. Our friends at Kirby-Smith Associates have also been reaching out to encourage all households to schedule a personal interview to delve deeper into what is on your heart and mind. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, there is still time to complete it online at bit.ly/OMPHsurvey. We are also asking for those who would like to have a personal interview to reach out to schedule a time to chat by calling 717-417-8051.

Come Join Us!

We will be holding two Master Vision Town Hall meetings to discuss the results of the Feasibility Study. We are excited to share more on the themes, feedback, and recommendations that emerged during this process, as well as answer questions from our parishioners. Each Town Hall meeting will last approximately 60 minutes with time following for a Q&A. We hope to see you there!

Master Vision Town Hall Meetings

Dates

Sunday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Location

OMPH Church

CHURCH SUPPORT – THANK YOU!

DATE	2020	2021
November, 1st Week	\$ 14,307.00	\$ 14,585.55
YTD Totals	\$240,929.01	\$252,442.55

ONLINE GIVING COMPARISON

	Average Weekly Amount Donated for 3rd Week of Oct.	Average # of Donors
2020	\$ 3,467.00	81
2021	\$3,862.55	93

Our online giving has grown over the last two years! We would like to thank those who have given and continue to give to OMPH through online giving. We appreciate your continued support! If you would like to set up online giving, please use the link: <https://osvhub.com/omph/funds>.

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://osvhub.com/omph/funds>.

THANK YOU – GOD BLESS!



The 2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign theme for this year is Faith Alive. The Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) provides the vast majority of the financial resources needed to operate the Diocesan ministries and programs. The DAC partners with OMPH and all the parishes and the faithful of Harrisburg Diocese, working together to strengthen the ministries and outreach, and further the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Please send donations to Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocesan Annual Campaign, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710 or to the Diocesan Giving Page at www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/donate and OMPH will receive credit.

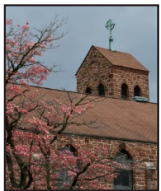
Parish Goal \$ 103,856.00
Current Gifts & Pledges \$ 88,100.00



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.

Anna Leshner, Florence Windish, Patrick Michael Ward, Jody Shimp, Megan Kreider, John Mento, Joanne Dever, Mary Ann Wilk, Theresa Foley, Philomena Rozario, Barbara Beebe, Barbara Szobonya, Pat Fry, Jude Oniskey, Ben Dangelo, John Coleman, Phoenix Rann, Beverly Benning, Kim Tran, John Intoccia, Marianne Kurtz, Mary Price, Darlene Hinkle, Carolyn Wolverton, Maureen Youngkin, Minda DeChalus, Maxine Young, Charles Robrecht, Sheri VanZant, Dennis Stauffer, Dee Lynch, James Trim, David Goss, Gladys Mento, William Ashcroft, Mary Crawford, Louis Pizzoli, Lawrence Rinaldi, Louis Biacchi, Rosemarie Goss, Gina Leone-Miale, Julie Leone, Sharon Johnson, Craig Kubian, Alexander Troichuk, Jimmy Condon



OMPH PARISH MASTER PLAN OMPH Feasibility Study

We have officially kicked off our Feasibility Study in which we are asking parishioners for feedback on the proposed Master Plan Vision. Each household should have received a packet in the mail with a letter, survey and a vision statement that details our vision for OMPH. We encourage each parishioner to get involved in this process by completing and returning a survey. You can return the paper survey or complete it online at bit.ly/OMPHsurvey. We are also asking for those who would like to have a personal interview to sign up online at bit.ly/OMPHinterview or by calling 717-417-8051. Most importantly, please continue to pray for our church family as we journey through this process together!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m. **A SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

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 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.

HOLY HOUR AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IN CHURCH AND LIVE-STREAMED 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 also pray for all of the needs of our parishioners. Additionally, during the hour of prayer, we read *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.

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 the Spang-Gruber Family.



The Giving Tree will be in the narthex November 20th. If you take a tag, please return the item unwrapped by December 12th. If you cannot find the toy on the tag, feel free to purchase another toy. The toys will go to Ephrata Area Social Services to be distributed to local families. There will also be tags for gifts for seniors at area nursing homes. If you have any questions, please call Judy Weiser at 717-572-9402.

PARISH MINISTRIES

"There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good."

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)



USHERS NEEDED: OMPH is presently looking for Ushers at all of our Masses. To be an Usher is to be a minister of hospitality, and that is what we are called to be – a **welcoming people**. When we welcome others into the church, we are following the example of Christ! If you would like to be an usher at any Mass, please call the parish office.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS CANTORS: The OMPH Music Ministry is in need of adult and youth **Cantors** to sing at weekend Masses. If you are willing to share your talent, please contact the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION, RCIA, RELIGIOUS ED


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Stay connected to your faith community. Faith formation does not always have to take place within the parish. One-touch takes you to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) readings of the day. Another and you will find prayers in the Prayer button. Catching up on the news is a snap by touching the News button. If you are looking for someone to share a Rosary, tap the Rosary button and hear the soothing voice of Fr. John Riccardo.

It's simple to use, and it helps you be more connected and deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus. OMPH Parish sends messages, alerts, and so much more! You can view the bulletin, the parish calendar, donate to the OMPH collection! Text **App** to phone number 88202, or visit myparishapp.com to download. You can also scan the QR Code to download the App.


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Classes started in September. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Nikolaus at 717-738-4517 or omphreled@omph.org.

Jesse Tree Activity: Religious Education will be hosting an activity to learn about and make a Jesse Tree to take home in preparation for Advent. Please join us on Sunday, November 21st at 10:00 a.m. for Coffee Corner, as we will transition into the activity at 10:30 a.m. *All are welcome.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUNDRAISER

If you are interested in purchasing custom bakeware and kitchen supplies, please consider participating in the **That's My Pan** fundraiser to support Religious Education. Sample products will be displayed at Coffee Corner over the next few weeks. Orders will be placed online. To browse the many options and place your order, please visit thatsmypan.biz/OMPHRELED.

REC Religious Education Board

All parishioners are welcome to join the REC Board. Help us plan and improve our Religious Education program! If you would like to join or have any questions please contact Laura Kauffman at 717-575-8221 or email omphrec@gmail.com.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, or RCIA, is an adult faith formation process of conversion leading to reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA may serve your needs if you:

- Were baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to explore coming into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Are an adult wanting to be baptized into the Catholic faith.
- Were baptized in the Catholic faith but are in need of receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If you have ever reflected on making such a decision, be at peace! God, the Holy Spirit, is calling you and He will lead you. The RCIA process will help you to grow in faith and understanding of the teachings of Jesus and His Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Classes began on September 13th, and continues until shortly after Easter the following year. The Monday evening classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about our RCIA classes, please contact Deacon Jim at 717-799-0080.

PARISH LIFE –
BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Miles Stanley Kemper was brought into the Catholic Church on November 7, 2021. We welcome Miles into the Holy Catholic Church. You will always be in our prayers! May our Heavenly Father surround Miles with love, and protect him always from evil.



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will be selling **Advent Calendars** after all of the Masses the weekend of November 20/21. All proceeds from the sale will go towards helping our adopted family. With your help, we will be able to spoil them and offer them a Christmas to remember. Calendars will be \$5.00. We will also be selling Christmas cards with a beautiful picture of our very own OMPH Church. Prices are 10 cards for \$20.00 and 5 cards for \$10.00. In addition, we will have embroidered items from the talented Betty Martin. Thank you in advance for your continued support! The Ladies Auxiliary

OMPH YOUTH MINISTRY

LAST CALL FOR: Fan the Fire Youth Rally – Saturday, November 20th at St. Joseph Church in York, PA: “Consecrated in Truth”(John 17:15-19) for teens in grades 8-12. Registration fee is \$30.00. Contact Denise for more information and to sign up!

NEED SERVICE HOURS??? Operation Christmas Child Box Drop-Off – Sunday, November 21st, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Meet at the Bernardine Center to load up the OCC boxes we packed this past Saturday and drive over to the Washington Avenue Bible Church in Ephrata to drop them off. Then, head back to the BC for snacks and games after the work is done!


Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Ministry – Every Saturday youth are invited to greet, lector, take up the gifts, altar serve, and hand out bulletins. At least an hour of service is given for helping. Thank you to Ellen, Elbert, Emily, Matt, and Mary for reading Owen for altar serving at recent masses!

Denise Duchesneau: duchesneau@earthlink.net, 717-715-3496 (c/text), 717-859-5835 (h),


**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER DALEY COUNCIL 4191
HOLIDAY PIE ORDER**

Pie distribution will be on Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the hallway in front of the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Join us!


**Early Education
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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021
6:30 PM**

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**“FISHERS OF MEN” TRANSITION
FROM DINNER TO ONLINE FUNDRAISER,
BUILDING ON CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
PARISHIONERS AND SEMINARIANS**



Join us in supporting the seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg through our Fishers of Men event. Although we are not able to host our annual dinner again in 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic, the seminarians for the Diocese still need your support. In these challenging times, we must continue to provide a solid seminary formation for the abundant number of men responding to God's call. Please pray for our men in formation and if you are able, please consider a gift to financially support our seminarians' education. Gifts can be made securely online by visiting the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org. Thank you for your support.



The Matthew 25 Committee is looking for new committee members with a financial background to help review grant applications for community organizations who are applying for funding. The committee meets annually to assess applications and determine funding requests. Committee members are assigned several organizations to interview to understand the annual requests and ensure that the requested funds will be used for food, clothing and shelter needs. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Kim Roche at 717-657-4804, ext. 245 or kroche@hbgdiocese.org.



***Arsenic & Old Lace* – Fall Play**

Lancaster Catholic High School will be transported back to 1941 to the Brewster home in Brooklyn, New York for the riveting story of the Brewster family.

Arsenic & Old Lace will be performed on the Old Main Auditorium Stage from Thursday, November 18 through Saturday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 for reserved seating and \$13.00 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Due to the Governor's Mandate, we ask that masks be worn in the school building.



Denver & Ephrata Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Due to Covid and with much thought and consideration, the Thanksgiving Day Dinner held at the Ephrata Community Center will not be held this year for the safety of their drivers and volunteers.

Open House

Sunday, November 14th

1-4 PM

A Crusader is..

Lancaster Catholic's Open House

All are welcomed to Lancaster Catholic High School's Open House on Sunday, November 14th, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Join members of the Catholic High community for a broad overview of what makes LCHS a unique environment for our students to thrive.

The day will include:

- Tours
- Meet faculty & staff
- Catholic Mass at 3:00 p.m.

To register, visit www.lchsyes.org/openhouse/



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SCHOOL SCENE

November 14, 2021

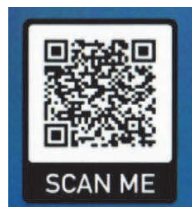
The ExtraOrdinary Give is on Friday!



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JOIN THE EXCITEMENT—MAKE A GIFT—MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**MAKING A GIFT TO OMPH SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 19 IS EASY!**

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**OR**Log into www.extragive.org/organizations/our-mother-of-perpetual-help-school...OR

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(OMPH Parish Library)

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