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**Served by each other and by:**

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**Mrs. Michele Hans**, Director, Early Childhood Center  
**Mr. Joel S. Peters**, Pastoral Associate  
**Mrs. Kathleen Pignatelli**, Director of Women's Spirituality  
**Mr. Brian V. Salvatore**, Youth Minister  
**Mrs. Kate Unger**, Parish Nurse  
**Mr. Michael Wada**, Music Minister  
**Ms. Teresa Kilday**, Parish Trustee  
**Mr. Joel Patron**, Parish Trustee

**The Eucharist**  
**The Lord's Day:**

5:00 p.m. (The Vigil); 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

**Weekdays:**

8:30 a.m. (Monday - Friday); 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)

**Holydays:** Please consult the bulletin

**Christian Initiation:**

**Adults:** We welcome all who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church, as well as those Catholics who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation). Please contact the Pastoral Associate Joel Peters (201-337-7596) regarding the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

**Infants and Young Children (under age 7):** Parents may begin arrangements for the Baptism of their children by calling Michele Hans at the Religious Education Office (201-337-5537).

**Catechetics:**

Our Parish **School of Religious Education** is Family Friendly and offers several options. We offer **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, **Family Masses**, **Kindergarten through Grade 8** and **Special Education**. For more information please call the **Religious Education Office** (201-337-5537).

**Early Childhood Center:**

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Two-and-a-half through five years, full and half-days;  
**Before- and After-School Care.** For information call 201-405-8228.

**Sacramental Reconciliation:**

Experience the Sacrament of the Lord's forgiving love on Saturdays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses, by appointment or at any reasonable time upon request.

**Religious Vocations:**

Any man discerning a call to the **Ordained Priesthood** or the **Diaconate**, or any man or woman contemplating the **Religious Life** may consult with Fathers Lipnicki or Cryan, a vowed Religious or the Archdiocesan Vocations Office (973-497-4365).

**Youth Ministry:**

**High School Youth Ministry** – The Youth Group of Our Lady of Perpetual Help brings the faith to teenagers through Antioch and Cypress Retreats, weekly faith sharing and teenage community building, trips and recreational activities, with the central focus on building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Middle School Youth Ministry** – The Middle School Youth Group helps ease the transition for sixth, seventh and eighth graders from being “children” in the parish, to being active members of the parish community.

**Christian Marriage:**

Our Parish Family delights in the witness of Christ's love given by our married couples. Those who are contemplating marriage should contact Father Lipnicki to begin preparation for this sacrament.

**Music Ministry:**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Music Ministry enhances our Liturgies. The **Adult Choir** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30, the **Children's Choir** meets on Thursday afternoons at 4:00. For information regarding the **Choirs, Wedding and Funeral Music**, contact Michael Wada (201-337-7596).

**Parish Nurse Ministry:**

Parish Nursing is a recognized specialty practice that combines professional nursing and health ministry. Parish nursing emphasizes health and healing within a faith community. If you would like to speak to our Parish Nurse, please contact Kate Unger (201-337-7596).

**Women's Spirituality:**

Women's Spirituality is an opportunity for faith sharing, directed retreats, team retreats, individual spiritual direction and increased awareness of parish ministries and community involvement.

**Stewardship:**

*Time, Talent and Treasure:* We encourage the members of our Parish Family to take time for themselves, to spend time with their family and to devote time to God. We invite all members to share their talent with the Parish. We embrace tithing 10% - with 5% being reserved for the Parish and 5% being donated to other charities.

**Parish Registration:**

All of our Parish Family Members should be registered. We welcome new parishioners and request that everyone help to keep our Records updated by notifying the Parish Office of any changes, e.g. address, telephone number, e-mail.

## Masses for the Week

**Sunday, January 3, 2021, The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 2 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

- 5:00 p.m. **Joseph Scully**  
- Req. The Scully Family
- 8:00 a.m. **Thomas P. Corrigan, Jr.**  
- Req. Dawn and Thomas Torpey
- 10:00 a.m. **Salvatore Laurice**  
- Req. Grace Shashaty Hammond
- 12:00 p.m. **Thomas P. Corrigan, Jr.**  
- Req. Ann and Keith Hopkins

**Monday, January 4, 2021, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

1 John 3: 22 - 4: 6; Matthew 4: 12 - 25

- 8:30 a.m. **Michael Metje**  
- Req. Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Early Childhood Center

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Saint John Neuman**

1 John 4: 7 - 10; Mark 6: 34 - 44

- 8:30 a.m. **Felicidad Pascual Gonzales**  
- Req. The Pascual Family

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

1 John 4: 11 - 18; Mark 6: 45 - 52

- 8:30 a.m. **Mario Battaglia**  
-Req. Gina and Dino Manolis

**Thursday, January 7, 2021, Saint Raymond of Penafort**

1 John 4: 19 - 5: 4; Luke 4: 14 - 22

- 9:00 a.m. **Daniel Sterns**  
- Req. The Hesselgrave Family

**Friday, January 8, 2021**

1 John 5: 5 - 13; Luke 5: 12 - 16

- 8:30 a.m. **William Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**  
- Req. The Mœse Family

**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

1 John 5: 14 - 21; John 3: 22 - 30

- 9:00 a.m. **Marika Klos**  
- Req. Oksana Korduba

**Sunday, January 10, 2021, The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 55: 1 - 11; 1 John 5: 1 - 9; Mark 1: 7 - 11

- 5:00 p.m. **Paul Di Petrillo**  
- Req. Barbara and Richard West
- 8:00 a.m. **Thomas P. Corrigan, Jr.**  
- Req. Doris Hopkins
- 10:00 a.m. **Thomas Nassaro**  
- Req. Grace Shashaty Hammond
- 12:00 p.m. **Salvatore Laurice**  
- Req. His Son Andrew and Friends

## Our Parish Family Shares

December 19 - 20, 2020

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	\$ 860.00
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	3823.00
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	928.00
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	856.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	1315.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7782.00</b>

**Accounts Payable \$ 710.37**

This is what the Lord then said to Moses: Tell the Israelites to take up a collection for me. From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give me. - Exodus 25: 1 - 2

Of the 553 envelopes mailed to the members of our Parish Family, 102 were returned two weeks ago. A total of \$7411.00 was contributed in Parish envelopes with \$371.00 contributed without using the envelope system. *ParishGiving* is not included in the collection totals. *GoFundMe* is also not included in this total

Electronic Payments (*ParishGiving*) for November amounted to \$8672.00 For information about our on-line giving program, go to the Parish Website: [www.olphoakland.org](http://www.olphoakland.org).

This Weekend's Collection is being counted by **Kathleen Gaul** and **Elaine Korinko**.

## What's New?

I have been a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for the past 49 years. When my daughter, Kristine was diagnosed with cancer 26 years ago, my fellow parishioners prayed for her recovery. Unfortunately, she lost her battle within a year of her diagnosis. Before her passing, having witnessed the financial stresses that other families whose children were battling cancer faced, she asked my family to help them. We created the **Family Reach Foundation** which pays for utilities, rent/mortgage, groceries, etc. and offers even more important services. The pandemic is making it doubly difficult for these families to cope financially.

In memory of Kristine's 25th anniversary (December 14<sup>th</sup>.) we are asking for our community and friends to donate to **Family Reach**. Please click on the link below if you are able to help us.

Thank you so much and bless your families as we all attempt to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Marilyn Morello 658 - 2  
<https://fundraise.familyreach.org/campaign/in-memory-of-kristine-morello-wiatrak/c305394>

## The Bread and Wine

used in the celebration of the Eucharist this week  
are in memory of

**Joseph Alu**

Happy Birthday in Heaven

with love from

*His Wife Shirley*

As noted in the past two Parish E-mails, a decision was made to keep open the **Early Childhood Center** until the end of the School Year in June as opposed to curtailing operations at the end of January. All the parents have been asked to contribute \$1100 per student to offset the projected deficit in the Center's budget. It was suggested that \$600 be paid on or before Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> with the remaining \$500 to be paid on or before Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**When you come to Mass, please observe *Social Distancing* and you must wear a mask.** The mask may only be removed when you are placing the Eucharist in your mouth and *not when you actually receive the Body of Christ from the Minister*. Please keep proper social distance when processing up the Center Aisle and returning by way of the Side Aisles.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues to broadcast Mass on the local Cable Network (*Cablevision* Channel 77 and *Verizon Fios* Channel 45) as well as on our Parish Website: [OLPHOakland.org](http://OLPHOakland.org), **where it is also Live Streamed at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday**, for all of our shut-ins as well as for those who are hesitant to venture out just yet. The Parish Bulletin is also being sent electronically every week.

Our Parish *Bible Study* has resumed our consideration of **the Acts of the Apostles**. At our last gathering we examined the Chapters Ten and Eleven. We met in Connors Hall where proper social distancing was maintained. Our next session will be next Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will convene at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Dear Friends at OLPH Parish Community,

I cannot thank you enough!

Your parish has always been so responsive to the many needs of the *Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry*. We know we always have a friend and support when help is needed! During this difficult time you have been here once again! I often feel like you are one of the invisible powers that help to keep us going. Although I don't see you and you don't see the hundreds of families being helped each week - your support is so reliable. I just love to see the cars and vans pull up outside our pantry with wonderful food donations from your parish members to feed the hundred that line up each Saturday morning!

So this Thanksgiving Season - you are one of the blessings for which we give thanks!! May the God of Abundance bless you with all that you and your families need!

Gratefully!!  
Sister Linda Klaiss  
Saint Mary's Parish, Newark

## Religious Education News

On Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the **Religious Education Families** visited with Santa in a safe and socially distant way for our 2020 version of *Nighttime at the North Pole*. The families took pictures with Santa and received a gingerbread house kit to decorate at home. Everyone was excited to share in this special night. Special thanks to Sue Alter and Mr. and Mrs. Claus for making the night a success!

Due to limitations of class size and gatherings, the Religious Education program will continue its catechesis virtually through February. At that time, we will reassess if we can then come back together in person. Please continue to log on to the Christ our Life website for chapter assessments and complete two additional family activities from your folder.

In accordance with Archdiocesan Guidelines, and in the interest of keeping our Religious Education Families safe and healthy, our immediate preparation for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** had been postponed until January. **First Reconciliation** will now take place in March.

## Early Childhood Center News

Nothing puts you in the Christmas Spirit like being in a preschool! The children of the *Early Childhood Center* celebrated Christmas with carols, crafts, stories, and learning experiences. Their laughter was contagious, and their joy was evident. To quote *The Polar Express*, "It's so much fun when Christmas comes to town."

The Children of the *Early Childhood Center* were excited to sing for the Parents in a special virtual **Christmas Concert**. All the parents were emailed the link to view the concert from the comfort of their homes, snuggled up with their children. The video ended with a special appearance from Santa who had a special message for our boys and girls. What an adorable way to bring the holiday spirit from our Center into their homes!

On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the *Early Childhood Center* was transformed into the North Pole for our *Polar Express Day*! The children donned their best Christmas jammies and arrived at the North Pole (our Yellow Doors) excited to begin a special journey. They received their Golden Polar Express tickets that were punched by their classroom teacher. We enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, watched scenes from the movie, and ended the day by receiving a bell. We believe in the magic of Christmas!

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The **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Early Childhood Center** is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. all year round. Did you know that our Center is staffed with classroom teachers who are all State Certified? We lovingly care for children ages 2 ½ through 5 years of age, and we would love to welcome

your child to our Center family. Call Michele or Lori in the Early Childhood Center office 201 - 405 - 8228 to schedule a tour today!

**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
burns this week for the intentions of  
**Luzviminda Sese**  
with love from  
*Her Family*

**Scripture Reflection**  
Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Preceded by a star which gave them great joy, magi from the east went to Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus. Upon entering the house, they saw the child with His mother, Mary. They prostrated themselves, and they "opened their treasures" to offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The magi traveled a great distance to find the infant Jesus. To what extent am I willing to "go the distance" literally and figuratively for Christ?

Why do Herod and the magi have such different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth?

The magi were warned in a dream not to return to Herod as he has asked them to. When was the last time I had a dream that I felt might have been God speaking to me?

**What's Happening**

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Mass on Cable Television, the Parish Website and Live Streamed**  
 5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass for Sunday - in our Church Home**  
 8:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass - in our Church Home**  
 10:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass - in our Church Home**  
 12:00 p.m. **Sunday Mass - in our Church Home**  
 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group**

Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 p.m. **Troop 49 Patrol Leader Meeting**

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00 p.m. **Religious Education Classes**

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts**

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass on Cable Television, the Parish Website and Live Streamed**  
 5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass for Sunday - in our Church Home**  
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 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group**

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 p.m. **RCIA Meeting**  
 7:30 p.m. **Apostles Bible Study**

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts**

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 p.m. **Parent Date Night Out**

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass on Cable Television, the Parish Website and Live Streamed**  
 5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass for Sunday - in our Church Home**  
 8:00 a.m. **Sunday Mass - in our Church Home**  
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**Give Thanks and Remember**

For the past couple of months we have been collecting money to upgrade our camera equipment for the filming, broadcasting and livestreaming of our Weekend Masses and other services. Our entire Parish Family thanks those who have contributed thus far to this fund: **Elizabeth Petisme-Alip, Shirley Alu, Jeanne and Donald Burns, Nancy and Dennis Buttacavoli, Robert Confrancisco, Sally Ann DellaBruna, Loretta Dente, MaryAnn and Andrew Dunn, James Folkerts, William Fuchs (in memory of his wife Rosemary), Danette and Matthew Green, Liz and Ken Gysbers, Anna and Dino Hardish, Linda Heffernan, Lillian Higgins, Theresa Hudzina, Edith and Romeo Jayco, Joan Laurice, Donna Lee, Diane Lopez, Terry Martens, Anna and Dan Miccio, Raimund Miller, David Mital, Christine and William Mulcahy, Kathy Nemec, Dahlia Nichols, Joel and Loretta Patron, Frank Reynolds, Brian Salvatore, Cathy Schneckenberg, Jeanne Schulze, Michael Tapper, Kate Unger, Grace and Joseph Valenti, Liz and Charles Verhoff, Barbara and Richard West and Anonymous.** Thank You!!

**Let us Pray**

**For those preparing for Marriage:** Allison Cook and Matthew Francis, Amaris Bosque and Tyrone Briones, Lisa Bioletti and Brendan Gates, Gina Chisari and Christopher Hopf

**For those preparing for Baptism:** Sandra and Patrick Massaroni (Taylor Lynn), Amanda and Anthony Alsano (Anthony Ralph), Megan and Robert Redzia (Robert Thomas), Ivana and Kelvin Rodriguez (Amelia Rose and Alexander Jose),

**For our Military Personnel:** Kaitie Gaffney (US Army, Fort Drum, New York - home from Afghanistan!), Elliot Stura (US Marines, Hawaii), Katie Peters (US Marines, Yuma, Arizona), Richard E. Rasmussen (Seoul), Kevin Leahy (US Army, Fort Lewis, Washington)

**For those who have died:** LaVerne O'Connor

**For the sick:** Anne Kelly, Luzviminda Sese, Everyone suffering from CoViD-19, John Jarosz, Michael Tapper, Christine Marzullo Rock, Augustus Saulnier, Joann Bowell, James O'Donnell, John Rowin, Mary Abel, Kimberly Klain, George Vallone, The Dapkus, Pileika and Vaznelis Families, Catherine Gaul, Elizabeth Kelly, Julia Furey-Bastian, Jordan Stashi, Robert Guarinello, Matthew Polifonte, Fiona Ramsay, Howard Koch, William Bennett, Julia Hennessy, Debbie Persaud, Nancy Tomkins, Christopher DiFrancesco

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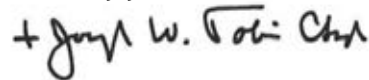
trip with Joseph to Bethlehem, to the flight into Egypt to avoid Herod's mad cruelty, Mary went wherever she was sent by God.

Mary also gathered with others—standing at the foot of the Cross, gathering with the disciples after her Son's resurrection and waiting with them for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Mary is both a fellow traveler and a sure guide and support during our pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland. With confidence in her closeness to us, her children, let's turn to her now and always to seek refuge under her protection and care.

Worldwide crisis has reminded us that we are not self-sufficient. We are totally depended on the grace and mercy of a loving and all-powerful God. And we are all in this together.

As missionary disciples, even in "lockdown," we are called to proclaim our salvation and our hope in our Lord Jesus Christ to all our brothers and sisters here in northern New Jersey and throughout the world. The time for "fraternity, hospitality and solidarity" is now.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark

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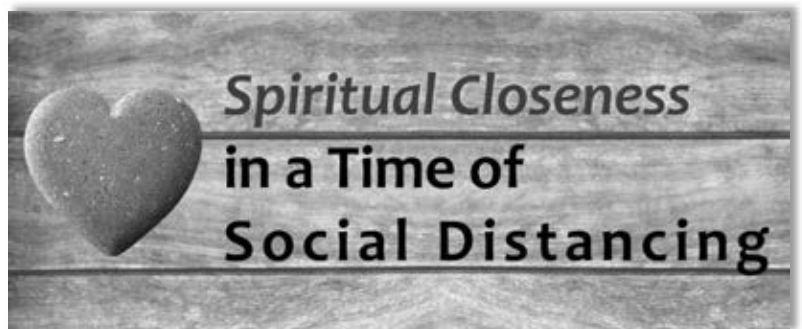
## **Spiritual Closeness in a Time of Social Distancing: Seven Suggestions**

A Message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. | April 1, 2020

As Christians, we encounter Jesus in his people—our families and friends, our neighbors and fellow parishioners, our co-workers and school mates, even people we don't know personally (strangers) who we come in contact with as we go about our daily lives. Jesus tells us that we find him in the "least of these" brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25: 31-46), so being close to them means being close to him.

During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we need to be especially concerned about those who are experiencing intense anxiety, feel lonely and abandoned, and who really count on public worship for their own support. We also should be concerned about how the spiritual lives of our people will be impacted by the drastic changes we are all experiencing for the first time in our lives. The Eucharist and the celebration of the Mass are so central to our Church that their absence is really felt deeply by us.

"Social distancing" is necessary for the common good, but we need to counter this with a dramatic increase in what Pope Francis calls "spiritual closeness." How can we stay close to Jesus, and all our sisters and brothers, at a time when concern for them demands that we keep



our distance? How can we remain spiritually close at the same time that we practice social distancing?

Here are some simple suggestions for staying close spiritually while maintaining a safe and respectful social distance:

1. Begin each day with prayer. Ask Jesus to stay close to you and to all your family and friends. Pray for the health and well-being of everyone you associate with, and of all God's people throughout the world.
2. Express your love and concern for the people you live with—your spouse, children, other relatives or friends. Comfort and encourage them when they are frightened and feeling closed-in or helpless.
3. Reach out to other family members, friends and colleagues by telephone, texting, email and other forms of social media. Let them know that you are close to them and that you share their experiences and anxiety.
4. Attend Mass and other prayers and devotions virtually. Many opportunities are available each day on television, radio and online. Participation in the life of the Church can help us feel more closely connected with God and with each other. Make a spiritual communion.
5. As you go about your daily business—working remotely, studying at home, doing spring cleaning, caring for children or family members, preparing dinner, doing the laundry, and more—look for opportunities to offer up your activities to God in gratitude for his closeness to you.
6. To the extent that you can, share your financial resources with those in need. Online giving is available for most religious, educational and charitable organizations, but if that's not an option for you, you can write a check and mail it, or set aside some cash to give to someone in need once the current stay at home order has been lifted.
7. Be patient with yourself and those you love. This is a strange and difficult time for all of us. Frustration and anger are understandable reactions. We need to help each other remain calm and trust in the healing power of Jesus who is close to us—now and always.

As Archbishop of Newark, I pray for the unity and solidarity of our people (clergy, religious, and laity) and I long for a Church that is one with the poor, especially immigrants; that is bold and enthusiastic in its proclamation of the Gospel; and that eagerly and consistently passes on the faith to future generations, especially those children and youth who are economically and socially disadvantaged.

I foresee a future where lay people are fully engaged in the life of our Archdiocese at all levels – and where young adults play a direct and decisive role in our worship, our faith formation, and our service to those in need. I see priests united with one another and with the people they serve. I see deacons, consecrated women and men, and lay people who feel empowered and



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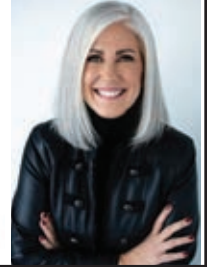


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