

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.* Philippians 2:10-11

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 27, 2020**



## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

**Deacons:** Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

**Business Manager:** Mr. Thomas Crennan

**Director of Faith Formation:** Mrs. April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

## COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

**6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week,  
except for Thursdays when it closes  
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

**Face covering and social distancing required.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday:** 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

*5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.*

*Mass intention will be fulfilled privately by one of the priests.*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,  
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link  
on the home page of our website.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Confessions are being heard in classrooms  
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment  
with one of the priests.*

## OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons

at 12:45 p.m. in the church

## ADORATION OF

## THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Wednesday:** 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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**Step 4:** Set OLPH as your main parish

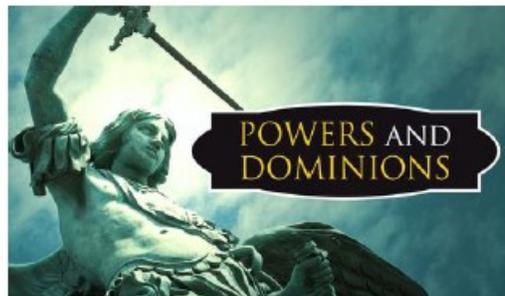
**Step 5:** Explore the great features in our parish app!



### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

#### Powers and Dominions

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.



[SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP](https://formed.org/signup)

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**Q: How do new parishioners register for an account?**

A: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), Select your parish Register with your name and email address Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

**Q: Do parishioners still need to use our parish code or custom registration URL?**

A: Registering has become a lot easier and parish codes and

custom registration urls are no longer needed for your parishioners to register for FORMED through your parish! Now, parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and find your parish to register.

**Q: Will parishioners user emails and passwords still work?**

A: Passwords are being phased out. Parishioner emails will still work. Parishioners do not need to re-register to sign in.

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Use our custom link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1797184>.

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### *Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Animals*

Next Sunday, October 4, is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. This year, because it falls on a Sunday, the liturgical feast is not celebrated, since the Sunday celebration takes precedence. However, in St. Francis we have one of the most popular saints in Church history, and a man of God whose holiness resonates even with those who are not Christian, and even with those who do not consider themselves religious, so it's appropriate to still commemorate the occasion.

Francis (born 1181 or 1182; died 1226) was the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, and the "good life" (a luxurious home, the finest clothes, and superb cuisine) was certainly his for the taking. However, after a conversion experience, he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and to preach to the spiritually hungry. He became known for his humility and his embrace of poverty. Many young men joined St. Francis in his way of life, leading to the foundation of the *frati minori*, or "lesser brothers," which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. St. Francis is also known for his love of creation, as exemplified in his famous "Canticle of the Sun," and hence the association of this saint's feast day with the blessing of animals.

As announced elsewhere in this bulletin, we are holding our annual Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 3, at 1:30 p.m., on the Rectory lawn (weather permitting; otherwise, we're indoors). Be sure to bring your pet of any kind — dog, cat, bird, iguana, ferret, horse, chicken, turtle, snake...whatever! (Just watch where you step when you come...if you know what I mean!) As I always say, though: remember this is a blessing, not an exorcism — we cannot make your pet behave!

In order to truly celebrate the Franciscan spirituality, you are asked to bring an item for the poor. The items needed for our food pantry are listed on the St. Vincent de Paul page in the Parish Social Ministry section of this bulletin; please be sure to bring this donation to the Blessing of Animals.

### *Many thanks for the care for our cemetery*

You may not be aware of this, but we do have a parish cemetery; it's located on South 8th Street (site of the original OLPH church building, and it's named St. Mary's Cemetery—St. Mary's was actually the original name of OLPH!). The cemetery is not in active use anymore, but it does

require care and maintenance. I would like to give a gigantic shout-out and THANK YOU to Ed Mikoleski, who offers to oversee the care of the cemetery grounds, and, along with Ed, say THANK YOU to Joe Huber, Bill Stysiack and Bob Newberry, who recently spent a day cleaning up the cemetery and removing all the tree branches and debris that resulted from the recent wind storm we had a couple of weeks ago. In addition, the Village of Lindenhurst Department of Public Works, and especially Rick Sorrentino, were in on the job and provided us with tremendous assistance. Not only do we have a great parish, but we obviously have a great Village which assists us in many ways whenever possible! Thanks too to Bill Hughes of our Maintenance Department for his assistance.

I am deeply, deeply grateful to these men and to the Village for their work on this recent project. Great job, guys!

### **FORMED**

Just a quick reminder: are you making good use of all the great Catholic content on FORMED, the on-line site that has great stuff on a whole host of topics? There's so much to learn and so much to see! Since the parish has invested in paying for this subscription for everyone, I really want every parishioner to be signed up for FORMED and to use it regularly; I also ask parish groups to use the website as a means of continuing to be FORMED in our Catholic faith. When you're looking for something to discuss at a meeting, look at what FORMED has to offer!

Check out the FORMED information box elsewhere in this bulletin (we run something about FORMED every week). If you haven't signed up yet (I signed up a long time ago!), it's easy. Do yourself a favor and do so right now.

### **The GOLDEN TICKET**

As I announced in my column last week, we ARE doing The GOLDEN TICKET Raffle this year. Many, many thanks to Meg Danaher and Bob Meade who head this up each year and who have so generously offered to make a go of it this year, even though it may be a little bit of an uphill battle in these days of restrictions associated with the pandemic. This is always a big money-maker for the parish, and I'm sure with a little effort on everyone's part, it will be again this year. Make sure you are a part of it!

Let me remind you how it works: there are a limited number of tickets — exactly 500 — sold at

\$100 per ticket; that's a total of \$50,000. Cash prizes will total \$20,000, leaving a \$30,000 profit for the parish (I need not tell you how desperately we need that income this year). Usually we do the drawing at a fun-filled and exciting cocktail party, but this year, due to COVID, we won't be able to do that, but we will live-stream the drawing (using our new camera system!), so you can have your own GOLDEN TICKET PARTY AT HOME and hear the winning numbers in real time! The drawing will be on Saturday night, November 21.

Trust me — you don't want to miss out on this great parish event! Buy your own ticket, go in with others on several tickets, and maximize your chances to win. Help us out by spreading the word to family and friends; you don't have to be a parishioner of OLPH (heck, you don't even have to be Catholic!) in order to purchase a ticket and win a prize.

Tickets will be on sale starting soon, and when they do go on sale, they will be available at the rectory during regular office hours and from the Chairs of the event, the aforementioned Bob Meade and Meg Danaher. Watch the bulletin and our website in the coming weeks for information. Thank you in advance for your help with this vitally important parish fund raiser.

Let me suggest something to you now for you to think about that would be a big help: would you be willing to take a batch of, say, five or ten tickets, and commit to selling them yourself — for example, among family members, or friends outside the parish, or at work? This would be a great way for all

of us to do our part to get all 500 tickets sold. We would have to ask you to make sure to follow through on the commitment to get the tickets sold — it would be disastrous if one week before the event we found out we had all these unsold tickets we thought were sold — but if you think you could do this, please let Chairs and Ticket Coordinators Bob Meade or Meg Danaher know, and they'll be more than happy to work with you.

Keep watching the bulletin for full information about The GOLDEN TICKET!

### *South Parking Lot*

I hope you have noticed the great job done on our south parking lot, on the corner of High Street and Gates Avenue; the lot was recently re-surfaced and re-stripped. The new striping gives us additional parking spaces. It looks beautiful! Many thanks go to our Business Manager Tom Crennan who oversaw this much-needed project.

### *In conclusion...*

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



## **K OF C INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**



*On Saturday, September 19, the Knights of Columbus celebrated their Installation of Officers.*

*Congratulations to the newly-installed officers who will serve in the upcoming year, and may God bless the work of the Knights in their great service to our parish!*

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

**Monday, September 28—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, October 5—12:45 p.m.**

**Monday, October 12—12:45 p.m.**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesday**

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

in the church

after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



### *Mass for All People With Special Needs*

***Suspended  
until further notice!***

*Intention will be fulfilled in a private  
Mass by one of the priests.*

### **REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST**

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

**FIRST FRIDAY,**

**SATURDAY**

**& SUNDAY DEVOTIONS**

*All are invited to come  
and pray with our parish community.*

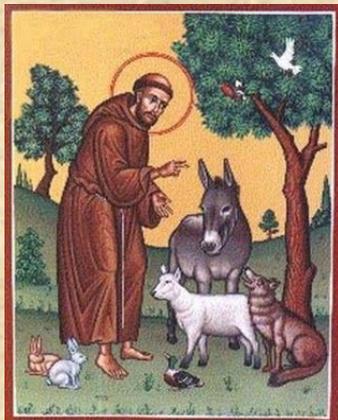
**First Friday Devotions** will take place **October 2** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

**First Saturday Devotions**—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **October 3** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m.

**First Sunday Devotions** —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **October 4** at 7:00 p.m.

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



## Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals *Saturday, OCTOBER 3* *1:30 p.m. on the Rectory lawn* (in Auditorium in case of inclement weather)

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God’s presence in all of creation, including animals.

We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including our human family members and friends.



And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 10 for specific needs.



## JOIN OUR LIVE-STREAM TEAM



Our new live-stream camera system will enable us to live-stream Masses, weddings, funerals and other sacramental and ritual moments. When the weather is bad in the winter or people are leery about coming out at night to attend Lessons and Carols, the Parish Mission or Taizé Prayer around the Cross, we will be able to maintain a digital presence. Of course, all of this will never replace our “in person” worship. Also, we have many homebound parishioners who just can’t come out any more.

We are now forming a Live-Stream Team. If you are tech savvy and are interested in helping to record the liturgies, please contact Chris Ferraro at the rectory office, [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725.

## LIVE-STREAM MASS DEBUT

Our first live-streamed Mass with the new camera system will be Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. We invite those not yet attending our in-person Masses to join us virtually through the link on the OLPH website: [www.olphlindhurst.com](http://www.olphlindhurst.com) or on our Facebook page. We will continue to post the Mass on our YouTube channel but it will not be available until after the livestreamed Mass ends. Stay tuned to the schedule of live-streamed Mass going forward.



## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:**

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.**

**Each priest will be in his own classroom.**

**These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:**

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

## **IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...**

*Participate virtually in Sunday Mass online celebrated by your OLPH priests!*

*You can participate in Morning and Evening Prayer too.*

*Go to the website: [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com)*

*Click on the link to watch the video of the Mass anytime.*

*You can also click the link for our YouTube page*

**OLPH Church Lindenhurst.**

*In addition to Sunday Mass, other items of interest are occasionally posted on the YouTube page.*



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory  
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253  
 Email: [religioused@oloph.org](mailto:religioused@oloph.org)  
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut  
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

### O.F.F. HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday: **CLOSED**  
 Saturday: By Appointment

**All LEVELS: Classes are starting!**  
 Levels 6-8 will be in the classroom as of Wednesday, September 30, 2020.  
 Levels 1 and 2 will be in the classroom as of Saturday, October 3, 2020.  
 Levels 3-5 will be receiving the link to their Commitment Prayer Services as of Saturday, October 3, 2020. Your first day in the classroom will be on Saturday, October 17, 2020.



### HELP NEEDED!

We need one (1) Catechist to teach Level 1 on Saturdays 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

### What Classes Will Look Like for Fall 2020

We have been working diligently on getting ready for the Fall of 2020 and on what classes will look like. We have limited in-person classroom availability, based on the number of Catechists we have to teach each Level. The classrooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Once we hit our full capacity, those who do not fit into a classroom will be required to do the Google Classroom. We are here for you and we have your safety listed as our number one (1) priority. We have cleaning and sanitation procedures in place so that everyone will be safe and can stay healthy while attending class at OLPH. We have sent out these precautions via e-mail. We have also listed the requirements for your child to come into the classroom. In order to get the information for our classes you must be registered for the 2020/21 academic year.

**REGISTER NOW!**

### YOU CAN STILL REGISTER!

We need to know if you are returning to religious education classes! Please be sure to Register for the 2020/21 academic year! A \$25 LATE FEE was put into effect as of Wednesday, September 23, 2020. You can mail in your registration fee to us at any time, call over the phone and pay via credit card, or come into the office in person! All time switches and teacher requests can be mailed in or indicated to us when you speak to us over the phone or in person. Please let us know if you have any changes in your contact information. We will need to know the best e-mail for us to reach you at this year, for Google Classroom use throughout the year.

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Bereavement Ministry: Linda Arpino—631.592.1062—forubabe77@gmail.com
- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Kathy Feldman—631 225-9864—cdefeldman@optonline.net
- † Community Meal: Mary Leon—mleon719@yahoo.com
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631. 921.5994—justin97@aol.com
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- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Virginia Beyrer—631-226-6635
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker Paolo—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org

## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**PASTA SAUCE**  
**CANNED CHICKEN**  
**CANNED TUNA**  
**PEANUT BUTTER**  
**CANNED CARROTS**  
**CANNED STRINGBEANS**  
**CEREAL**  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
**PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**WATER**

*The pantry is in great need at this time.*

*Please bring items to the SVdP office:*

*Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.*

*and on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the School Building  
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
 Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*Our regular office hours:*

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.”

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action. Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting 54 children, 78 adults and 17 seniors, for a total of 149 people in 62 households. Thank you!

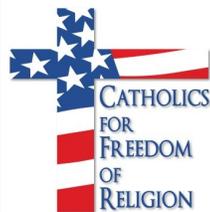
## **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

**TO OUR ANONYMOUS SUPPORTERS WHO LEAVE FOOD ON THE  
 SANCTUARY STEPS AND MONEY IN THE POOR BOXES...THANK YOU!**

*...when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*  
*(Matthew 6:3)*

*This teaching of Jesus is lived and practiced by so many of our fellow parishioners at OLPH. We are blessed by secret benefactors who anonymously make regular donations of food and other necessities, leaving them on the steps of the sanctuary, or dropping off at the Pantry during office hours. Also, take a look in the Sunday bulletin weekly collection breakdown. The contributions put into the poor boxes as you leave church add up and are the major source of our funding. You know who you are, but we're not sure that you realize how much your quiet acts of charity mean to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLPH, and to those whom we strive to serve. Thank you and may God bless you!!!*

## CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



### Creative Christians Find Unique Places to Worship

Worshippers met in a local Walmart on June 26 in North Versailles, PA, after Governor Tom Wolf ordered that individuals "should not gather in religious buildings or homes for services or celebrations until the stay-at-home order is lifted."<sup>(1)</sup>

The church had moved its worship service from its building to Walmart after police officers interrupted to disperse the congregation. Law Enforcement Today (LET) reported, "If people can safely gather at a Walmart to worship, then it is absurd to suggest that the actual house of worship is any more dangerous."<sup>(2)</sup>

"This just further affirms the bias that is taking place across the country in the name of 'safety' and 'quarantine.' Liquor stores and marijuana shops were deemed essential, but not houses of worship."<sup>(3)</sup>

A group of 500 Evangelical Christians held a prayer and praise service in the lobby of a 1,600-person capacity Las Vegas casino on August 6, since Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak restricted services in houses of worship to 50 people, but allowed casinos to operate at 50% capacity. Retail stores and restaurants are also allowed to reopen at 50% capacity. "The Governor allows hundreds to thousands to assemble in pursuit of financial fortunes, but only 50 to gather in pursuit of spiritual ones. That is unconstitutional," said lawyers for the church.<sup>(4)</sup>

This casino prayer and praise event came two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected the plea of Calvary Chapel in Nevada to suspend the state-imposed 50-person limit for church gatherings. In a 5-4 decision, justices denied the church's appeal to allow services for up to 90 members, 50% capacity, while fully complying with social-distancing and other rules. Dissenting Justice Sam Alito wrote, "We have a duty to defend the Constitution, and even a public health emergency does not absolve us of that responsibility." "The Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. It says nothing about freedom to play craps or blackjack..."<sup>(5)</sup>

(*wnd.com*, 8/10/20(1); *1cbn.com*, 8/7/20(2)(4)(5); *lawenforcementtoday.com*, 8/8/20(3); *thechristianpost.com*, 8/8/20;

#### **Be Silent No More!**

"Evil preaches tolerance until it is dominant, then it seeks to silence good." —*Archbishop Chaput*

Elected officials and their staff listen to, read and tabulate citizens' concern and opinions when making decisions for their state and for the country. Do not be silent. Please contact one or more Senators or Congressmen each week to encourage those who share your values.

\***Call** Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to any Representative's or Senator's office

\***Email:** Find Representatives' emails at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) Find Senators' emails at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

*"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."*

—*Thomas Paine*

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2020 OPEN HOUSES!

St. Anthony's High School	-	Sunday, September 27 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Mary's High School	-	Sunday, September 27 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Kellenberg Memorial High School	-	Saturday, October 3 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chaminade High School	-	Saturday, October 3 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Academy	-	Sunday, October 4—10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
St. Dominic High School	-	Sunday, October 4 - 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Regis High School (Virtual)	-	Monday, October 12 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School	-	Saturday, October 17 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	-	Sunday, October 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to [DeaconRobert@oloph.org](mailto:DeaconRobert@oloph.org).

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Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

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# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

### **THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT:**

***Frank Alfani & Dawn Butera***

## **WE BELIEVE**

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Erin Stanton</i>       | <i>Ann-Marie Giarratano</i> |
| <i>Heather Ann Flores</i> | <i>Lawrence O'Donnell</i>   |
| <i>Robert Quevedo</i>     | <i>Tim Doran</i>            |
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| <i>Gloria Kayaian</i>     | <i>Angela Pagnotta</i>      |
| <i>Jean Corso</i>         | <i>Kevin Imm</i>            |
| <i>William Connors</i>    | <i>Janet Novotny</i>        |
| <i>James Gridley</i>      | <i>Heather Ventimiglia</i>  |
| <i>Louis Giarratano</i>   | <i>Bridget Ryan</i>         |
| <i>Angela Giarratano</i>  | <i>Mark Behr</i>            |
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| <i>Bernard Kates</i>      | <i>Ronald Insinga</i>       |
| <i>Glenn Slaughter</i>    |                             |

## **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**

### **MONTH 6 -**

**"I'm sitting up straight now!"**

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.



If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

## **PERPETUAL HELP MASS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 8:00 A.M.**

<i>Carl R. Kieninger</i>	<i>Requested by Donna Norton</i>
<i>Frank Intelisano</i>	<i>Requested by Martine &amp; Walter Karalais</i>
<i>Susan Murphy &amp; Edward Mikoleski</i>	<i>Requested by Jean Gustavson</i>
<i>John F. Nolan</i>	<i>Requested by Cristina Figueroa</i>
<i>Janina Jendruczyk</i>	<i>Requested by Bogdan Jendruczyk</i>

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish community this week.*

***John F. Worthington  
Joan Colton  
Santo Lucchese***

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."*

***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*** Matthew 5:4

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The **Bereavement Support Group** is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical, support as they learn to cope with their loss.

A new Fall group session of the **OLPH Support Group Program** will take place on the Rectory lawn (weather permitting) from **12:00 Noon—1:30 p.m. beginning September 26 and run through November 7.** Please bring your own chair, refreshment and masks must be worn. Contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 for more information

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, September 28—**  
**Weekday**  
*(Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;  
 Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)*

6:30	Robert Scott
12:15	Mary & Adam Hagzan

**TUESDAY, September 29—**  
**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,  
 Archangels**

6:30	Melina Ingrad
12:15	Mary Klingler

**WEDNESDAY, September 30—**  
**Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

6:30	Emmanuel Palazzolo
12:15	Patrick & Cecelia Flynn

**THURSDAY, October 1—**  
**Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,  
 Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

6:30	For the Repose of the Souls of the McCarthy Family
12:15	Ronald Higgins

**FRIDAY, October 2—**  
**The Holy Guardian Angels**

6:30	Susan Marcantonio
12:15	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**SATURDAY, October 3—**  
**Weekday**

8:00	Francesco Vitale
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**Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):  
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 *	Ralph (Pop) Soluri <i>Special Needs Mass</i>
5:00	For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 4  
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00	Perpetual Help Mass ( <i>List on p. 13</i> )
10:00	Angelo Piazza
12:00	Anthony Aidone Jr.
5:00 *	Theresa M. Gigante

*\*Will not be celebrated publicly; intention will be fulfilled  
 in a private Mass by one of the priests.*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 28, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:00 p.m.	Steering Committee Meeting	Church

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

4:30 p.m.	Altar Server Training	Church
7:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting	Church

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Levels 7 and 8 Classes	School

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Room 16

**Friday, October 2, 2020**

9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
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**Saturday, October 3, 2020**

8:30, 10:00	Religious Ed. Classes	School
11:15 a.m.	Level 3, 4 & 5 Commitment Service	On-Line
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Ministry	Courtyard
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
1:30 p.m.	Wedding	Church
1:30 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Rectory Lawn
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	South Parking Lot
6:30 p.m.	Adoration	Church

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

6:30 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church
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## EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

### EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes. Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico [saitjoseph98@gmail.com](mailto:saitjoseph98@gmail.com).

### Lecturas del Domingo 26° del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo A

Domingo, 27 de septiembre de 2020

Concede, Señor, a los que vivimos oprimidos por la antigua esclavitud del pecado, ser liberados por el nuevo y esperado nacimiento de tu Hijo. Que vive y reina....

**Primera Lectura (Ez 18,25-28):** Somos Responsables de Lo Que Hacemos

El profeta Ezequiel insiste en nombre de Dios sobre nuestra responsabilidad personal por el bien o el mal que hacemos. Dios busca perdonarnos y quiere que vivamos en su amor.

**Segunda Lectura (Fil 2,1-11):** Sean Humildes con Cristo

Tenemos que tener la misma disposición fundamental que Cristo nuestro Señor, a saber, ser modestos y humildes ante Dios y ante los hermanos.

**Evangelio (Mt 21,28-32):** ¿Cuál de Estos Hijos Soy Yo?

Los líderes farisaicos y santurriones del pueblo rechazan a Jesús y condenan a los pecadores. -- Los pecadores acogen a Jesús y se convierten. ¿Quién de ellos hace la voluntad de Dios? ¿Con quiénes nos identificamos?

*A veces, Nuestro Sí no es sincero*

Con bastante frecuencia sentimos en nosotros la tensión entre lo que sabemos es recto y nuestros propios intereses e inclinaciones. Normalmente sabemos lo que exige nuestra fe y, sin embargo, actuamos en contra o damos solamente un Sí remolón. Pidamos a Jesús en esta eucaristía que sepamos decir siempre Sí con él y como él.

DEMANDA OBEDIENCIA de sus hijos. Espera que acatemos su voluntad con gozo, que asumamos con humildad sus designios para que vivamos cediendo el control de nuestro ser a su Santo Espíritu.

Como toda familia también en la familia de Dios hay hijos desobedientes. Los primeros actúan de acuerdo a la voluntad de su Padre, los segundos encubren con sus palabras su falsedad y terminan por vivir en sentido contrario a la voluntad del Padre. Dios como Padre, tiene un propósito para la vida de sus hijos y espera que la acatemos con gozo en nuestro corazón. Para que nuestras palabras hagan eco a las del salmista "Enséñame a hacer tu voluntad, porque tú eres mi Dios" (Salmo 143:10)

¿Cuál es la voluntad de Dios para nuestra vida? ¿A niveles personales, familiares y eclesiales? Veamos lo que la Palabra de Dios enseña.

**OFFERING UPDATE  
September 19/20, 2020**

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	211	101	\$3,042.50
8:00 a.m.	163	75	2,331.00
10:00 a.m.	225	71	2,736.00
12:00 p.m.	185	48	1,784.00
5:00 p.m.	<i>Not celebrated publicly</i>		
Coin			1.33
Mail-ins:			2,836.50
Children's Env.		4	13.00
Faith Direct			2,791.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>\$15,536.13</b>
<b>2019 total</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>\$17,405.12</b>
Candles			\$576.43
Poor Box			\$256.59

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Sunday October 4 is *Respect Life Sunday*. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.

**WELCOME  
NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS**



**TO OUR NEW  
OLPH  
PARISHIONERS**

**September 2020**

- William, Tina & William Pedus*
- Michael Pagano*
- Melissa, Kayla & Leah Kennedy*
- Daniel & Catherine Cook*
- Pawel, Dorota, Alexander & Leon Sokolowski*
- Jesse Torres & Rosa Peralta*
- Patrick & Leslie Cassidy*
- Peter Crocitto, Jr.*
- Joseph, Nicole & Joseph D'Antona*
- Daniel, Claudia, & Vanessa Terranova*
- Gregory Cea*



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*Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.*

*God Bless You,*

*Msgr. Joe*

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- October 4—passed
- October 11—October 2
- October 18—October 9

## PREPARING FOR

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

Matthew 21:42

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

Isaiah is prophesying in Jerusalem prior to the destruction of the Northern Kingdom. Israel is God's vineyard which he transplanted from Egypt into the land of Canaan and carefully cared for and cultivated. There was nothing that he did not do for his vineyard. "What more could I have done . . ." Isaiah's listeners were compelled to admit that absolutely nothing had been wanting in God's dealings with them. The Planter and Cultivator of the vineyard naturally expected the vineyard to produce good fruit. But, all that it produced was "sour grapes" -- bloodshed, oppression and infidelity. God sowed peace, but got violence from his people. God looked for true worship and got idolatry. God sowed seeds of justice, but injustice grew up. The message was clear. Yahweh had given all; Israel had yielded nothing. As a result, the owner is going to withdraw his protecting hand and Israel will be transplanted into exile and subjected to a drought and given the opportunity to repent and make a new choice for God.

**Philippians 4:6-9**

This second reading is a portion of Paul's advice to the Philippians concerning their life together. Anxiety and worry accomplishes nothing except the frittering away of energy and hope. Paul urges his readers to give their worries to God and to place their trust in him. This trust will lead them to experience a peace that surpasses understanding. This divine peace is rich beyond our imagination and one that the world can't give us. Only Jesus can.

**Matthew 21:33-43**

This is a story about a good, patient landlord and wicked tenants, a story about God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially, the religious leaders who were given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. Despite Israel's rejection of his representatives, God never gave up on Israel. He continued to reach out to her, even sending her his only Son. But she even rejected God's Son. As in last week's Gospel, this parable was intended as a warning to the religious leaders. Once again they are offered a choice to accept or reject God's servant in their midst. Rejection will have dire consequences. But the warning went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed and the Gentiles took the chosen people's place at God's table.

**Gospel Reflection**

*After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

**1. Who are God's messengers right now? What changes in society do they advocate? How can you somehow be God's envoy in your community, work, Church or the world? Can you move toward changes in society?**

**2. In his morning meditation on the Wicked Tenants, the Pope suggested that we think about "what we can do so as not to kill the Word of God, ... to not lock up the Holy Spirit." Would his words at the end of the meditation help you? How?**

**"[May] the Lord grant us the grace of humility to look upon Jesus as the Savior who speaks to us: he speaks to me! Each one of us ought to say: he speaks to me! When we read the Gospels: he is speaking to me!"**

***The Imprisoned Word***

***March 21, 2014***

**Readings for the Week**

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

**Monday, September 28, 2020:**

Job 1:6-22 + Luke 9:46-50

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020:**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
+ John 1:47-51

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020:**

Job 9:1-12, 14-16 + Luke 9:57-62

**Thursday, October 1, 2020:**

Job 19:21-27 + Luke 10:1-12

**Friday, October 2, 2020:**

Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5  
+ Matthew 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday, October 3, 2020:**

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17  
+ Luke 10:17-24

**Sunday, October 4, 2020:**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
+ Philippians 4:6-9  
+ Matthew 21:33-43

# Mercy throughout the Liturgy

I had the wonderful opportunity to spend two summers in Graz, Austria, with the American Institute of Musical Studies. It was a glorious experience, except for a few hours one day.

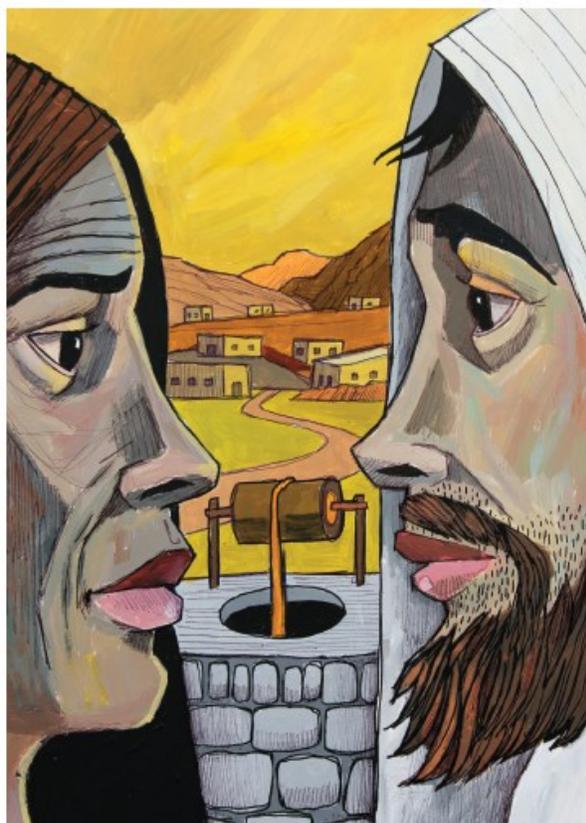
A friend and I were traveling across town to a laundromat, which involved walking to the tram with bags of laundry in tow and transferring to a bus to reach our destination. Getting off the bus, I noticed that something was missing—my purse! Panic doesn't come close to what I felt. So much of what I needed, including my passport, was in my purse. I left my laundry with my friend and hopped on the next bus, trying to explain my crisis with my limited German.

A kind man who understood English took me to the city's center for transportation. There, the staff looked at me with sympathetic eyes, encouraging me to check for my purse later but saying there was little chance I would get it back. After a couple of hours and many prayers to St. Anthony, I returned. This time their eyes were brighter. They reached into the lost-and-found cabinet and out came my purse. I looked inside and everything was there. My response was one of humility and gratitude.

Humility and gratitude are fundamental elements of liturgical prayer. For that reason, the Penitential Act follows soon after the priest's greeting at the beginning of Mass. In the Penitential Act, the assembly humbly acknowledges that they often lose their way, while recognizing that God is always seeking the lost. With humility and gratitude to God's faithfulness, the congregation prays, "Lord have mercy." These words carry the realization that God's mercy is greater than any sin.

God's mercy is a subtle theme throughout the liturgy. In the Gloria we sing, "you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us." As the Scriptures are proclaimed, the assembly hears about God's merciful love throughout salvation history—how God chose, again and again, to temper judgment with mercy to a sinful humanity.

In the Eucharistic Prayer comes a call for God's mercy, as the priest says, "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy"



Just as Jesus showed mercy to those he encountered, God's mercy is shown throughout the liturgy.

(Eucharistic Prayer II).

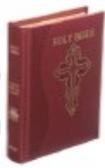
The assembly prays the Lord's Prayer, petitioning for mercy from God and also seeking to be merciful as they pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Before the table of the Lord is approached for Communion, the faithful pray, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us."

While receiving Communion, people encounter the intimacy of God's merciful love that was poured out in the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

At the Dismissal, the faithful are sent forth to be God's mercy in the world. This mission was articulated especially with the dismissal text offered as an option during the Year of Mercy: "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful. Go in peace."



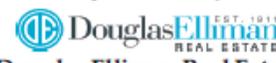
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