

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Music Ministry**

**YOUTH CHOIR HANDBOOK  
WINTER/SPRING 2017**

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**Rehearsals**

Rehearsals are generally held weekly (September to May) from 4:30 to 5:30pm in OLPH School, Room 16. We begin and end on time so we appreciate the children being there ready to go at 4:30. If there is a specific reason for a regular lateness, please let us know. If rehearsal is moved to the church, we will use the side door closest to the rectory.

Please have your child use the bathroom before rehearsal. We have a very limited amount of time to get through all the music.

At the end of rehearsal, children are dismissed to the parking lot between the school and the rectory. Please come to the door of the school to pick up your child. We should have a note in advance if someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up the child.

**Mass**

Singers are asked to arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start of Mass, unless a different “call time” is announced. They put their robes on in the north sacristy and then gather there for last minute announcements or instructions. While we do wear choir robes for Mass, the singers still should be dressed appropriately for Mass. Please no jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops, etc.

There are occasions where we will sing in the choir loft. Sometimes, because of space limitations and possible later ending times, we have to limit who can sing. Limitations will be announced in advance.

Talking and misbehaving during Mass and concerts are not acceptable. If we feel any singers are being distracting to the other choir members, we may ask them to sit with their family members for the remainder of Mass/concert.

## **Special Events**

There are special liturgies and concerts that the choir sings for throughout the year. Singing for Advent Lessons and Carols (early December), Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery (about two weeks before Easter) and our Spring Concert (end of May/early June) is an important part of our ministry. Please be sure to consult the annual calendar and take special note of these dates.

Please take note of dress requirements for the following events:

### Advent Lessons and Carols and Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery

- Solid black top and bottom (skirt, slacks or solid black dress)
- Black dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

### Spring Concert

- Solid pastel top (yellow, pink, blue, ...)
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

### Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass, Pentecost Vigil Mass, Confirmation

- Solid red top
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

If the cost of these dress items present a difficulty, please do not hesitate to let us know. We can work something out ☺.

## **Cell Phone Use**

The use of cell phones for phone calls or texting during rehearsals or Mass is not allowed.

## **Communication**

Please let us know if your child has to miss or be late to a rehearsal or Mass. Feel free to email, call or text. Communication is very important. We will do our best to communicate any last minute changes to you via email.

## **Sickness and Germs**

If your singer is not feeling well, please do not have them come to rehearsal or Mass. Germs are spread easily in choirs because everyone is in close proximity to one another.

## **Inclement weather**

If parish events are cancelled, we will not meet. If you don't feel safe driving, don't come. We will email if rehearsal is cancelled.

## **Parish Website**

Check the parish website [www.olphlindenhurst.com](http://www.olphlindenhurst.com) for updates. We also have a Music Ministry Facebook page – "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Music Ministry".

## Winter/Spring 2017 Schedule

Thursday, January 5	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal and Pizza Party
Sunday, January 8	10:00am Mass
Thursday, January 12	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, January 15	10:00am Mass
Thursday, January 19	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, January 22	10:00am Mass
Thursday, January 26	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, January 29	10:00am Mass
Thursday, February 2	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, February 5	10:00am Mass
Thursday, February 9	4:30pm to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, February 12	10:00am Mass
Thursday, February 16	4:30pm to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, February 26	10:00am Mass
Tuesday, February 28	5:00pm Rehearsal and 6:00pm Mardi Gras Evening Prayer Service
Sunday, March 5	10:00am Mass
Thursday, March 9	4:30pm to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, March 12	10:00am Mass
Thursday, March 16	4:30pm to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Thursday, March 23	4:30pm to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, March 26	10:00am Mass
Thursday, March 30	7:00 to 8:30pm Rehearsal in church
Friday, March 31	7:30pm Passion, Praise and Paschal Mystery ( <i>special dress</i> )
Sunday, April 2	10:00am Mass
Thursday, April 6	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Saturday, April 9	3:30pm Rehearsal in church, 5:00pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass ( <i>special dress</i> )
Tuesday, April 11	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, April 16	9:00am Easter Sunday Mass ( <i>note early time</i> )
Thursday, April 27	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, April 30	10:00am Mass
Tuesday, May 2	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Thursday, May 4	6:45pm Rehearsal in Church and 7:30pm Taize Prayer
Saturday, May 6	10:15am First Communion Mass
Sunday, May 7	10:00am Mass, 7:00pm Concert ( <i>special dress</i> )
Thursday, May 11	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal

Saturday, May 13	10:15am First Communion Mass
Sunday, May 14	10:00am Mass
Thursday, May 18	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal
Sunday, May 21	10:00am Mass
Wednesday, May 24	4:00pm Rehearsal in Church and 5:00pm Ascension Thursday Mass
Thursday, June 1	4:30 to 5:30pm Rehearsal and end of the year Pizza Party
Saturday, June 3	5:00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass ( <i>special dress</i> )
Sunday, June 18	12:00pm Mass and Eucharistic Procession

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## St. Cecilia

Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Church Music  
230 A.D.

*Holy Cecilia, Heroic martyr  
who stayed faithful to Jesus, your divine bridegroom,  
Give us faith to rise above our persecutors  
and to see in them the image of our Lord.  
We know that you were a musician,  
and we are told that you heard angels sing.  
Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people  
by filling the air with God's gift of music,  
and reminding them of the Divine Musician  
who created all beauty. Amen.*

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