

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MASS SCHEDULE

6:30 and 8:00 A.M. and 12:05 and 5:30 P.M.
(Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)
Ashes and Holy Communion will be taken to our
homebound parishioners and nursing home residents

DAILY MASSES DURING LENT

6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday 1:05 P.M.; Friday 6:00 P.M.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 P.M.



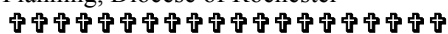
THE FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (March 30 this year) are also days of fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals. The obligation to fast binds Catholics from the ages of 18 to 59. Those who are older or younger may freely embrace these disciplines, but Lenten disciplines should never endanger one's health.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Congratulations to all who participated in the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal. The ADA collected a record-breaking \$826,468.57 this year! OLPS once again surpassed its goal of \$83,300.00 by bringing in \$117,872.52!! Thank you for so generously sharing your resources with our Diocesan Church. – Father Dan



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

“What good would it do to go door-to-door inviting people to attend our churches if what they found when they arrived were less than welcoming and hospitable communities? Clearly, the foundation to any evangelizing efforts needs to be creating more welcoming parish communities.” – Dr. William Pickett, Director of Pastoral Planning, Diocese of Rochester



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, February 12

10:00 A.M. NO Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
11:30 A.M. Catholic Daughters (MR)

Tuesday, February 13

3:00 P.M. NO St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. NO RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30 A.M. Priests will bring Communion and Ashes to Homebound
5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)
5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
6:25 P.M. CCD (School)

Thursday, February 15

9:30 A.M. Priests will bring Communion and Ashes to Nursing Homes
1:05 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Church)
6:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Council 8029 (MR)

Friday, February 16

9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (L)
6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross (Church)
6:30 P.M. Substance Abuse Ministry (MR)

Saturday, February 17

10:00 A.M. Mass at Matthews Memorial Nursing Home

Sunday, February 18

10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
10:30 A.M. Men's ACTS Retreat Return Mass (Church)
12:00 P.M. Men's ACTS Retreat Return Reception (DPC)
2:30 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
7:00 P.M. Men's ACTS Mission Retreat Team (MR)
7:00 P.M. High School Youth (DPC)

**Madonna Room (MR) Lourdes (L) Fatima (F) Notre Dame (ND)
Divine Providence Center (DPC) Olinger Hall (OH)
St. Timothy Center**

JOY MINISTRY: Please join us and bring a friend on Wednesday, Feb. 21. at 2:00pm in the Madonna Room for a great video, presentation and discussion on, "What the Catholic Church says about the meaning of suffering." Father Dan is our guest speaker. Appetizers, fruit and snacks are welcomed. Questions? Call the church office at 445-3693. Hope to see you there!

OLPS SCHOOL

BULLDOG BYTES

MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS: School will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 13, for the Mardi Gras holidays. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join our fourth through sixth graders on Thursdays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the church at 1:05 P.M.

SPOONS NIGHT: Thursday, Feb. 15 is "Spoons Night." Go out and treat yourself to an afternoon snack or a little dessert after dinner at the Spoons Frozen Yogurt location across from Albertson's. Spoons Night runs from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. Spoons gives back a percentage of OLPS sales to our school. What a sweet deal!

CHUCK E CHEESE NIGHT: Friday, Feb. 16 is OLPS Night at Chuck E Cheese. Students wearing their Chuck E Cheese sticker will receive 10 free tokens when checking in. Teachers receive either a free salad bar or a pizza and a drink. Fifteen percent of total sales that night will be given back to OLPS.

THE FLOWERS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABERNACLE are given **IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER'S BLESSINGS AND INTERCESSIONS IN MEMORY OF LT. COLONEL JOHN SETNICKY.**

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given in loving memory of **JOSEPH DESCANT JR.** by the Descant Family.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in February, this year on this Sunday, Feb. 11. Congratulations and many blessings to our married couples!

MR. TOM GALLAGHER has moved to an assisted living facility in Georgia. As a long-time faithful parishioner, he would love to hear from his friends. His mailing address is:
3950 Town Club Parkway, #3215
Cumming, GA 30041

COLD AND FLU SEASON: Please be aware during this time of year that we all need to be more conscious at Mass. If someone does not extend his or her hand to you at the Sign of Peace, don't take it personally. Some parishioners have chronic illnesses that prohibit them from having contact with too many people, and others may be recovering from a sickness and do not want to risk spreading it. If you have a cold or other possibly contagious health issue, please consider refraining from receiving the Precious Blood. And please remember that not attending Mass when you are sick is NOT a sin! Thank you for your consideration.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY will meet on Friday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 P.M. in the Madonna Room. For childcare, you must call or text Dee Gilbert for reservations at 229-7890 by NOON on Friday, Feb. 16. All teens and adults are welcome.

OLPS YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, contact Rebekah Brocato at 447-7861 or 445-9748, ext. 228.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP: High school youth meet on Sunday after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, call Ben Lesnefsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, March 2 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, music, rosary and meditations for children especially in grades two through six.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Deacon Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; David Keran, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Michael Adamson, Paul Arbour, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Luke Borrel; Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, John Paul Brumley; Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Carl Greene, Zach Jeansonne; Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Victor Odom; Jared Slay, Francis Jerome Vanderlick, Michael Ware, Nicholas Waters, and William Whisenant.** If you know someone serving whose name is not on our list, please contact the church office.

OLPS PARISH SUPPERS are held every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Knights of Columbus Council 8029 prepares the suppers. Meals are \$5.00 per plate. Take outs are available, but you are encouraged to stay and eat in the Center and visit with other members of our church family. You may check the bulletin online at www.olpschurch.org for the updated menu. **Feb. 14 Menu: Fried fish, stuffed potato, hush puppies, cole slaw and dessert.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: Monday Morning Prayer and Outreach Program: Our Monday Morning Prayer and Outreach group meets at 10:00 A.M. in the St. Timothy Center (formerly the Life House) next to the rectory. The mission of this group is to pray for and send cards to the homebound parishioners of our parish who are unable to attend Mass each week. They also send sympathy cards to those who have lost a loved one, those in the hospital, families with a new baby, to priests for their birthdays, and to seminarians and deacon candidates that are preparing for ordination. If you know of someone who needs prayers and may appreciate a card, OR if you wish to volunteer to help with this ministry, please contact Myrt Rambin at mimimyr2@gmail.com

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, Pastor

Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence

Mary Floyd, Parish Manager

Colleen "Dee" Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Margaret Shiver, Receptionist

Jo Tassin, Principal of OLPS School

Linda Perot, Director of Music Ministry

Josh Blakesley, Associate Director of Music Ministry

Grae McCullough, Music Minister

Ben Lesnefsky, Director of Youth Ministry

Rebekah Brocato, Coordinator of Junior High Ministry

Michelle Lemoine, Director of Religious Education

Renee Aldridge, Coordinator of Program Development

Sarah Duncan Mealer, Church Nursery Coordinator

Brandon Callahan, Maintenance Supervisor

Michael Upton, Finance Council Chair + Chad Gremillion, Pastoral Council Chair

Maria Olagues, School Council Chair

SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

Mass: Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 7, 9 & 10:30 AM; 5:30 PM

(Nursery Available for 9, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM for Newborns through 3 yrs.)

Weekdays: 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil - 5:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM; 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word (For ages 4 - 8 yrs.)

Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:50 PM; Sundays 5:15 - 5:25 PM and Weekdays before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal Preparation Class by appointment.

Register in advance by calling the Church Office (445-3693).

Baptisms are ministered by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: For the sick and homebound.

Contact Renee Aldridge at the church office, 445-3693.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact our Parish Priests at 445-3693.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Friday in the Church.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS

CCD - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Junior High - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 18: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

IN MEMORY: MARY ALICE POE

Please pray for Mrs. Poe (mother of Mrs. Betsy Lanclos) and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Mark Adkins; Father Terry Allen; Debra Baker; John 'Lad' Baker; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Ann Marie Bruner; Joe Carbo; Theresa DeBona; Jane Dezendorf; Vincent Drago; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Tom Gallagher; Bishop Ronald Herzog; Stephen Hines; Tom Hirschak; Monsignor Ronald Hoppe; Jack Hubley; Sister Pat Kimball; Roland Knobloch; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Richard Norem; Cindy Pinkerton; Norma Rhame; Lurline Stone; Gustavia Thibeaux; Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Sarah K. Vincent; Jacob Williamson; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., FEBRUARY 11:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Willie Pugh; Jim and Bob Foster; Pat Aertker; Nellie Laborde; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt and Beach Families; Betty Lolan; Intention of Bernadette and Donald Mansour; Lamar Ritchie Jr.

10:30 A.M. Anne Eversull

5:30 P.M. Our Parish Family

MON., FEBRUARY 12:

6:30 A.M. Ella Gremillion

5:30 P.M. Frances McGinty

TUES., FEBRUARY 13:

6:30 A.M. Natalie Firmin

5:30 P.M. Ensign Keith N. Bonnette

WED., FEBRUARY 14:

6:30 A.M. So Han

8:00 A.M. Sam and Lois Campo and Leslie DeSelle

12:05 P.M. Intention of John Aymonds

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

THURS., FEBRUARY 15:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Dr. Anita Go

8:00 A.M. Gordon and Patty Baker, Ben and Colleen Baker,

Martha Neal, and Flem Jordan

5:30 P.M. Margaret Newton (anniv.)

FRI., FEBRUARY 16:

6:30 A.M. Fe Go Tan Kho (anniv.)

8:00 A.M. Deborah Ann Dupuis

5:30 P.M. Josephine and Edmund Lewis

SAT., FEBRUARY 17:

8:00 A.M. Sophie Chestovich

4:00 P.M. Intention of Agnes Ashby; Jerry and Gerry Flynn;

Adam Jeansonne; Tracy Wiltse; Richard Pias;

Willie Pugh; Allen Goodwin; Nellie Laborde;

Florence Broussard; Horace Thibeaux; Carl

Laurent

SUN., FEBRUARY 18:

7:00 A.M. Our Parish Family

9:00 A.M. Marie A. 'Molla' Carey (anniv.); Jim and Bob Foster; Tom Stafford; Mark Daiy; Intention of Gernie Phillips; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; David Ezernack; Rose Marie Curley Connor (anniv.); Nancy Struck

10:30 A.M. Stephen Gerard Carbo

5:30 P.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Feb. (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Feb.	\$.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$20,018.00
Amount still needed for Feb.	\$66,982.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT and payment by credit card are available for our contributions to church support. If interested please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.