

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
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DIVINE LITURGY
Sunday - 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:
Before and After Liturgy

ROSARY
1st Sunday of the month - 8:30AM

Pastor: Very Rev. Francis Rella, MDiv, MM, MSN
Choir Director: Pani Tammy Rella, B.M.E.
Trustees: Calvin Bastedo, Stephen Kurilla
GCU Representative: David Simon
Parish Bookkeeper: Lori Grobelny
Hospitality: Steve & Janet Totin
Custodian/Sacristan: Kenneth Simonsen

November 29, 2026
27th Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY	November 29	9:00 a.m.	27th Sunday After Pentecost +Terry, Ryon, Dean, and Diana
SUNDAY	December 6	10:00 a.m.	Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra +Father James McLinden

GREEN BOOK

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READERS OF THE EPISTLE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 – Maria Rella
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 – Christina Simon
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13 – Ed Dormer
SUNDAY DECEMBER 20– Richard Rella
THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 – Rose Rella

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: *Direct communication is essential for honest and prompt understanding. Please address immediate concerns to me. Direct specialized concerns to the staff member or volunteer in charge of the project or area. When I hear a comment second hand, I usually treat it as incomplete information or gossip. If you want me to know something, please tell me yourself so there is no misunderstanding. If you want to know my opinion or directive, please ask me. No one else should be speaking for me. I will always treat you with respect and courtesy, even if we disagree. Also, if you have a concern, please have at least one solution to discuss otherwise it is only a complaint. Our goal as a parish is to identify problems and come up with solutions together.*

SEEDS OF SERVICE COLLECTION: Once again, this year we will be having a ONE-DAY ONLY collection for Seeds of Service in Brick on Sunday, December 6, the day of our St. Nicholas celebration. Specific needs are mostly for Christmas: For children: toys, clothes, coats, jeans, flannels, non-perishable food items especially those containing meat; cans of chili, tuna pastas, rice; especially white Items that can be used for a Christmas dinner; side dishes, dessert mixes, cookie mixes, any other canned or boxed items. Please check expiration dates. If anyone is available to drive the items over to the pantry on December 7 (no earlier than 11 AM) please see Carol Yacik, Janet Totin, or Steve Totin. Thank you so much for your generosity! Last year's collection was overwhelming!

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION: There will be a brunch for the Saint Nicholas Feast Day next Sunday, December 6, 2026, following Divine Liturgy. Today is the last day to sign-up. **Liturgy will be held at 10 a.m. for that Sunday only.**

ADULT LEARNING: Due to logistical issues, Bible Study and Catechism will begin in January. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: Please welcome Kenneth Simonsen as our new custodian and sacristan. Kenneth will be here throughout select times during the week and on Sunday. Please refer all building and maintenance issues to him.

ONLINE OFFERINGS: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GMSAZUXERNHT6

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK - Please pray for our parishioners and family members that are in need of healing, especially Michael Bereschak, Michelle Chaba, Lisa Costello, Teresa Carter Keating, Geoff Gawdun, Nella Jawernycky, and Ron Jawernycky.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: John and Jean Juchniewicz are sponsors of this week's Coffee Hour. Many thanks for their generosity!

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Healing a Stooped Woman

Luke 13:10-17 relates the story of Jesus' healing of a deformed woman who had endured a debilitating infirmity for eighteen years. What began as a slightly bent posture developed into a stoop so profound that she could no longer look up. Every year increased her suffering, and after all those years, her situation became extremely severe. In this, we see a parallel with sin. Its effects begin slowly and almost unnoticeably, but with the passing of time, its influence increasingly corrupts the sinner. The longer the sinner continues in his sin, the more his heart hardens.

While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus sees her in the audience and is immediately moved with compassion and grace to heal her (Luke 13:10-12). She does not appeal to Him for help, but He takes it upon Himself to help her, expressing His deep compassion. It is inherent in God's character to take special notice of the needy.

What He saw would certainly not have been attractive, but, unlike men, Christ does not aid just the beautiful but those who truly need His help. Sinners sometimes feel they are too repugnant to God to be saved (Psalm 44:24-26), but Christ's healing of this disfigured woman emphasizes that His ability to help is determined, not by the state of the needy person, but by the limitless power of God. Christ's blood is able to wash away even the greatest of sins!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Icon of the Healing of the Stooped Woman (Luke 13:10–17)