### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### April 7, 2019

# Welcome to Mother of Perpetual Help Parish West Allis

Website: www.mphwa.org (414) 453-5192



#### **Mission Statement**

We are Catholics of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in West Allis, Wisconsin. We encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church. We seek to proclaim the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His life-giving and saving Death and Resurrection. We are called and sent to form new disciples through our worship, our service, and our witness, to share the joy of living the Good News in the world today.

#### **Prayer for Our Parish**

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Intercede for us now with your Son Jesus. Help our parish to be an instrument in the hands of God. Unite and guide us as people of Faith, to become more like Jesus. May our worship give glory to God. May our service find its model in your discipleship. Make us living witnesses of unfailing hope in our troubled world. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

AMEN

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# Mother of Perpetual Help Sites



92nd Street Site 1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE 2322 S. 106th Street



### 116TH STREET STIE 1212 S. 117th Street

# **Mass Intentions**

- SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019
- Fifth Sunday of Lent
- 8:00 AM † Thomas Kelleher (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (116 St)
- 11:00 AM † Lucille Good (106 St.) 7:00 PM Julie Herbst - In Thanksgiving (92 St.)
- MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019 7:00 AM † Roger Theriault (106 St.) 8:00 AM † Mary Carney (116 St.)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 8:10 AM † June Wilson (92 St.)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 8:00 AM For the Merger Process (116 St.)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 7:00 AM † For the sick and elderly (106 St.)
- FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019
  7:00 AM For the recently deceased priests of the Archdiocese (106 St.)
  8:10 AM For our veterans (92 St.)
- SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 4:00 PM † Robert Doren (116 St.)
- SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:00 AM † Sandera Kelleher and † Samantha Blagg (106 St.) 9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
- Parish (116 St.)
- 11:00 AMGrant Dobberfuhl (106 St.)7:00 PM† Christopher Robertson (92 St.)

Mother of Perpetual Help Choir will sing at the following Masses: April 7th - 8:00 a.m. (106 Site)

April 14th - 9:30 a.m. (116 Site)

### **Easter Flower Memorials**

Help us decorate the church for Palm Sunday and Easter by remembering your loved ones with a Memorial Donation. Donations will be accepted through Easter. Please make out your check to Mother of Perpetual Help.



Thank you!

# PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

<u>Parish Priests</u>: Fr. Jeffery Prasser Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, MCBS

Deacons: Deacon John D'Alessio Deacon Walt Henry Deacon Keith Marx

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month **In Loving Memory of Dolores King** 

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month **In Loving Memory of Jacqueline Servi** 

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month

In Loving Memory of Marie Balistrieri

### **Celebrating the Sacraments**

**Baptism** is celebrated during or after Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Other times may be arranged by calling one of the priests. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held quarterly in 2019, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. Please call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the 92nd Street site and at 3:00 pm on the 116th Street site.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u> is celebrated communally on the First Saturday of the month after the evening mass at the 116th Street site. Individual anointing may be requested by calling one of the parish priests.

<u>Weddings</u> Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date. A process of preparation including participation in an Archdiocesan Engaged Encounter is required of all couples seeking marriage in the church.

# **Readings for the Week**

### Readings for the Week of April 7, 2019

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/
-	Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
	13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
	[4ab]/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
	[2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53,
	54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/
	Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/
	Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
	23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:1423:56 or 23:1-49

# GOD'S WORD

Today's readings are filled, not only with examples of God's abundant mercy and love, but of right living. Paul reminds us that everything outside of the pursuit of Christ is rubbish. And if we are to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must keep our focus on what lies ahead. Let us begin by letting go of our judgments and our earthly desires so we may enter into this time with our minds and hearts lifted completely to God.

**Is 43:16-21** Remember not the events of the past; I am doing something new!

Phil 3:8-14 Continue to pursue God's upward calling.

3 Jn 8:1-11 Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.



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# FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

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# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and with one another. The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

#### **Scripture Lessons:**

Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "Sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

#### Life Messages:

We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shop-lifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them mercy, compassion, sympathy and acceptance, leading them to Jesus' ways by our own exemplary lives.

#### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2018 - 2019 WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2019

Membership	\$20,002.00
Offertory Collection	
Repair and Maintenance	
Scholarship	
Holy Day	
Total	\$25,659.82

Our deep gratitude to parishioners and guests for their commitment to the ongoing work of Christ at Mother of Perpetual Help.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

### KEY

Sites	
92nd Street Site - (92 St.)	
106th Street Site - (106 St.)	
116th Street Site - (116 St.)	

Rooms ND—Notre Dame Rm GH - Gonzaga Hall BH - Bethany House PC - Parish Center PMR - Parish Meeting Room

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

6:00 AM	Postcard Club - GH (92 St.)
9:15 AM	Religious Education Classes - Gym/ND/All PC -
	(106 St.)
9:15 AM	Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)
10:30 AM	The Mass Presentation - Hall (116 St.)
MONDAY,	APRIL 8, 2019
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9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
5:30 PM	WI Geographical Society - Hall (116 St.)
6:30 PM	SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)	
3:15 PM	Girl Scout Meeting - Cafeteria (92 St.)	
6:00 PM	Bach Chamber Choir Rehearsal - Church (116 St.)	
6:00 PM	Singles Square Dancers Lessons - Hall (116 St.)	
6:15 PM	School DC Parent Meeting - Cafeteria (92 St.)	
6:30 PM	Rosary - Church (106 St.)	
6:30 PM	MPH Christian Women Meeting - ND (106 St.)	
7:00 PM	Hearts of Harmony - GH (92 St.)	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019		

8:30 AM Exploring Sunday Readings Bible Study - ND

- (106 St.)
- 9–11 AM SVDP Food Pantry BH (116 St.)
- 9:00 AM Women's Ministry BH (116 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program GH (92 St.)
- 5:30 PM Human Concerns Mtg ND (106 St.)
- 6:15 PM Sheepshead PC 7 (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM Singles Square Dancers Hall (116 St.)

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program GH (92 St.)
- 10:30 AM Alcoholics Anonymous B1/B2 (92 St.)
- 10:30 AM Know Chocolate for Lent ND (106 St.)
- 1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle PC 7 (106 St.)
- 2:15 PM Stations of the Cross for the School Church (92 St.)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church (116 St.)
- 6:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle PC 7 (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM SNPJ Lodge Meeting ND (106 St.)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.) 4:30 PM Fish Fry - Hall (116 St.)

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#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

- 7:00 AM Men's Scripture Group PC 5 & 7 (106 St.)
- 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry BH (116 St.)
- 4:45 PM Fair Trade Products Gathering Area (116 St.)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

- 9:15 AM Religious Education Family Event Gym/ND/All PC - (106 St.
- 9:15 AM Book Chat PC 8 (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Hospitality Sunday Hall (116 St.)
- 4 10:15 AM Fair Trade Products Gathering Area (116 St.)

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

### **ADULT AND FAMILY**

# Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25 Kathy@mphwa.org

We will welcome 4 people into the Roman Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20 at <u>8PM</u> At the 116th Street Site Please join us for this Triduum Celebration and help to welcome them into our parish family!

### CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Director: Becca Bojarski 414-453-0300 ext. 26 Becca@mphwa.org

**Sunday, April 14th:** Family Day Event, breakfast, crafts and prizes.

First Communion Dates: April 27th/28th and May 5th

### **MORNING BOOK CHAT**

At 106th Street Site Next Book Chat is April 14th (9:15-10:45 a.m.) Parish Center 8 All are welcome! Coffee, tea and snack provided. The new book is <u>"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the</u> <u>Eucharist"</u> by Brant Pitre.

**Reminder:** Please make sure to make out your checks to **"Mother of Perpetual Help."** Also, the bank will only cash checks that are written in <u>black</u> or <u>blue</u> ink and dated 2019.

Thank you!

**Please Note:** The Adoration Chapel will be <u>closed</u> Holy Thursday, April 18th and Monday, April 22nd.

### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Fish Fry At the 116th St. Site Friday, April 12th



Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in the church hall. Come join us for fried or baked cod,

fried shrimp, parsley buttered potatoes, French fries, potato pancakes, mac & cheese, green beans, rye bread, dessert, coffee or milk. All this for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-11, kids under 5 eat free. Have a family member who hates fish? Alternates are available with a slight wait. Come and meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy a great meal.

### **MQSCA School**

#### **Principal: - Michael Derrick 414-476-0751** derrickm@mgscateacher.org

#### Why choose Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy?

- Experienced and licensed faculty
- Faith based curriculum
- Smaller class sizes
- Full day K3, K4, and K5 programs
- Fine Arts/Music
- Before and After School Care
- Partnered with Seton Catholic Schools

Come experience how an education at MQSCA can make a difference in your child's life. Please contact us for a school tour and enroll today!

### **PARISH NEWS**



### **Festival News!**

Below is the list of the wonderful Committee Chairs who took a leap of faith and are running a booth! They need a large number of volunteers to help make their booth successful! Shifts run anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. If you cannot make it on the weekend, consider coming Thursday or Friday during the day to help with set-up.

Duane Holz	414-771-6079	Beer Chip Sales
Scott Gregory	414-530-3616	Beer Tent
Jon Leonardelli	414-771-1586	Adult Games
Julie Barkow-Peck	414-239-8302	Food Tent
Joe Leair	414-750-7963	Electrical
Kathy Smith	414-704-7191	Kid Games
Mary Kochanik	414-531-5528	Dinners
Mary Kochanik	414-531-5528	Set-up/take-down

Please contact our Festival Chair, Mary Kochanik at 414-531-5528 if you have any questions.

### Festival Dates: May 24, 25, 26

<u>St. Ben's for APRIL</u> <u>3rd Friday, April 19, 4th Friday, April 26</u> Additional servers & food preparers always needed New meatloaf makers needed We will be making & serving meatloaf on the 3rd Friday which is also Good Friday Potato delivery by Wednesday, April 17 and April 24; Washing on Thursday, April 18 and April 25 at 8AM Questions/volunteer: contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!

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# PARISH NEWS



# - Ask Council

If you have a question, you are probably not the only member who would like an answer to it. Please send it via email to **<u>council@mphwa.org</u>** or drop your note in one of the boxes identified with the mailbox logo located near the bulletin boards at

each Parish site. Please include your name-anonymous questions will not be answered. All submissions will remain confidential.

**NOTE:** Pastoral Council Minutes have moved...they can now be found at <u>www.mphwa.org</u> under "News", dropdown "Pastoral Council".

Adoration Chapel (106th Street Site) Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM



**Please Note:** The Adoration Chapel will be <u>closed</u> Holy Thursday, April 18th and Monday, April 22nd.

**Eucharistic Adorers are needed for the following hours:** Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. and Thursday, 12 noon- 1p.m.

"If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour a week with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. *'The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people an incomparable dignity.'"* 

(Pope St. Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei).

For information, please call Pat, 262-439-8731.

# MPH Christian Women Meeting

All women of Mother of Perpetual Help parish are invited to attend the next Christian Women Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the 106<sup>th</sup> Street Site (Notre Dame Room).

Thank you in advance for your Layette items. Also, if you're interested in the Layette dinner, your reservation fee of \$9.00 will be collected at the meeting.



### **Lenten Outreach**

We would like to thank all who generously contributed to our Lenten Outreach. We have collected \$14,276.58 for the Guatemalan Water Project. Your support is very much appreciated.

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April 9th 9:00 AM

9:00 AM at 116th St. Site

### Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice 12 Hours of Reconciliation

April 10th

8:00 AM-8:00 PM St. Mary's - Hales Corners



### Stations of the Cross with the MQSCA School

During Lent the school children will have stations on Thursdays, at 2:15 p.m. at the 92 Street site.



**Holy Thursday, April 18th** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM - 106th Street Site

**Good Friday, April 19th** - Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 1:00 PM - 92nd Street Site 6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross - 92nd Street Site

#### Holy Saturday, April 20th

2:00 PM - Blessing of the Food - 106th Street Site 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil - 116th Street Site

#### Easter Sunday, April 21st

8:00 AM	106th Street Site
9:30 AM	116th Street Site
11:00 AM	106th Street Site
<u>No</u> 7:00 PM	Mass will be held at 92nd Street Site



the gift of chocolate and the gift of faith!

# MPH Annual SPRING LUNCHEON 116th Site Hall



Thurs. May 2, 2019 Doors open 11 am \* Lunch served at 12 noon Call for Reservations \* \$15 per person

### Mary Margaret 262-786-9542 or Joan 414-771-2334



### Easy Days Quartet Raffles, Door Prizes, Homemade desserts



### **URGENT EMAIL SCAM ALERT**

Within the past few months, parishes within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (and nation-wide) have fallen victim to various forms of financial fraud.

Some parishioners have notified us that they received scam emails appearing as if they are coming from their pastor, requesting that the email receiver purchase gift cards on his behalf. Although many who have received these emails have found them suspicious enough to inquire before moving forward, some have followed through with these purchases, thinking the gift cards they are purchasing are being sent to their pastor.

The scammers are very creative, and many people and organizations have been swindled by their fraudulent tactics. They have access to email strings, will mention names of people you know, and can mask the phone number or email they are using to look legitimate.

If you receive an email that looks like it is coming from your pastor that is asking for money, gift cards, or requesting any items of purchase, please notify the parish and DO NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PURCHASE.

Name		Envelope #
Address		Date:
Check #	Parish/Stewardship	\$
Carl	Building Maintenance	\$
Cash	Scholarship	\$
	Holy Day	\$
	Other	\$
	TOTAL	\$