

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

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



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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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 unflinching 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 SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 AM † Mary Frohmader (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM † Art Stueck (116 St.)
- 11:00 AM † Margaret Wierzba (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM † Luty and Kerhin Families (92 St.)

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Jeff Kusik (Mass held at 106 Site)
- 8:00 AM For the People (Private)

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

- 8:10 AM † Rudy Cindric (Private)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

- 8:00 AM Jerome Pflugradt (Mass held at 116 Site)

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Robert Riley (Private)

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

- 7:00 AM Special Intention (Private)
- 8:10 AM For the People (Private)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

- 4:00 PM Jerome Pflugradt (116 St.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

- EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- No 8:00 AM Mass (106 St.)
 - No 9:30 AM Mass (116 St.)
 - 11:00 AM † Valerie Stein and † Ralph Walczak (106 St.)
 - 7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (92 St.)



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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

**In Loving Memory of Samantha Blagg
And
For Fr. Thomas and his father Joseph**

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism is celebrated during or after Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Due to current restrictions, all baptisms will take place after Mass until further notice. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020/2021, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

Reconciliation (Confession) At this time reconciliation is by appointment only. Please call the pastor to set up an appointment. A regular schedule for monthly Confession will be announced when available.

Anointing of the Sick Until further notice, individual anointing may be requested by calling the pastor.

Weddings 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 July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



GOD'S WORD

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time/July 26, 2020

First Reading:

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.”

(1 Kgs 3:9a)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Mt 13:44)

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

Dear Members of Mother of Perpetual Help,

Archbishop ListECKI has extended the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass through Monday, September 6th. The obligation to attend Mass is lifted, especially for the more vulnerable members of our community until that time.

Please read the monthly letter coming to you this weekend (or a little earlier) regarding moving forward with our weekday scheduling for masses and activities.

Thank You,

Fr. Jeff

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
2019 - 2020
WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2020

Membership	\$6,076.00
Repair and Maintenance	321.00
Scholarship	108.00
Offertory	622.00
Festival Replacement Fund	5.00
Total	7,132.00

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



MASS AND ROSARY NOW ON VIDEO

Thanks to all who have made the availability of a Rosary video and Sunday Mass possible. You can access the video from our website at www.mphwa.org - simply click on the link at the top of the homepage.

You may also access these YouTube videos directly using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJS8KsrDvckKyz2270XF9PA>.

We are asking you to please contact your fellow parishioners and spread the word about the availability of the Rosary and our Sunday Mass, inviting them to join with all of us on Sundays and Tuesday evening in prayer as a parish family.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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ADULT AND FAMILY

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

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO:

Rosemarie Colletta who was confirmed July 11 with her sponsor
Clara Weinberger and
Theresa Bernier who was welcomed into
full communion with the Roman Catholic Church on July 18,
both at the 4PM masses
at our MPH 116th Street site with Fr. Jeff



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers can now sign up for a date to assist as needed at the Meal Program sites! Please read the Letter of Explanation (can be found on the parish website, www.mphwa.org) and click on the corresponding link below to reserve a spot. You do not need to fill all the open slots with a group of volunteers. Individual volunteers are greatly needed as well.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Crossroads Kitchen:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aca82ca3f85-cross>

CROSSROADS KITCHEN 931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

Sun.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

Meal Program staff are preparing and serving hot to-go boxed meals following CDC guidelines.

No indoor sit-down service at either location until further notice.

Contact John Donovan or the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of the MPH team of volunteers (do not need to be a Vincentian)

MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: **Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751**
Vegaj@mqscateacher.org

Why choose Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy?

- Experienced and licensed faculty
- Faith based curriculum
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- Partnered with Seton Catholic Schools. Come experience how an education at MQSCA can make a difference in your child's life. **Now enrolling for 2020 - 2021 school year.**

PLEASE NOTE:

This weekend, **JULY 25TH** is the last
4:00 p.m. Mass at the **106th Street Site**

You're Invited!

Come to Fr. Thomas' Farewell Celebration

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Mass at 11:00 a.m. ~ Reception following the Mass

- ◆ Please note there will be only one Mass on August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. out doors in the tent area weather permitting.
- ◆ There will be **NO 8:00 am Mass on 106th or 9:30 am Mass on 116th , THAT SUNDAY ONLY!**
- ◆ If you would like to attend the Mass and simple lunch to follow, please call the parish office 414-453-5192 or fill out the purple slip available in church.

With respect to all attending Fr Thomas' party, and for the safety of everyone in attendance, the following will be observed:

- ◆ Social distancing will be followed, please sit in areas marked during Mass & maintain social distancing in all areas on the grounds.
- ◆ Please wear a mask when under the tent and as appropriate outside of the tent.
- ◆ Masks will be provided if you do not have one.
- ◆ Hand sanitizers will be available.
- ◆ A lite box lunch will be served.

MPH On-line Giving!

To help simplify parishioners' lives, our parish is offering an online contribution system. This system will allow parishioners to automate recurring and/or one-time contributions to the parishes.

How to create your online giving account.

It's as easy as 1-2-3 to create your account online right on our parish website.

- 1) Visit mphwa.org and click on the Online Giving Donation Button.
- 2) Set up your account
- 3) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

This system will offer a convenient payment method by eliminating the need to remember to write a check and bring the envelope to church.

Any questions or for help setting up your account, please contact Mary at the Parish Office 414-453-5192.



Please Note: For your convenience, for those of you who give weekly, we are including a contribution form that you may submit with your weekly payment. Thank you!

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

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STAY CONNECTED

In an effort to stay connected with our parishioners during this time of separation, many calls were made last month to remind the MPH community that they have not been forgotten.

Because of this effort, we learned of many sicknesses, incidents of falls resulting in broken ankles, legs, hips, etc., feelings of isolation, depression, cancers, terminal illnesses, brain tumors, children who lost both parents within months of each other, deaths whose funerals could not be held, caregivers of elderly parents who also need prayers for their own health issues, and the huge outpouring need for prayers.

As a community, it is our duty to pray for one another, and you are encouraged to pray for our parish, for our priests and for the MPH community at large.

We also learned how, just one phone call to a member of our community who may not have any relatives close by, can mean the world and brighten up their day. Do you know someone who fits that description and would love to hear from you today?

We are the people of God. We are blessed by Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede to Her beloved Son on behalf of all those who so desperately need His healing touch. I have always been told: He never refuses his Mother!

Grace Elliott

Men's Group (106th St. Site)

The Men's Group would like to start meeting every other Saturday starting July 31st. Please call Devan at 414-801-6886 for location and time.



Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or someone you know is in need of prayers you can call Nell Lee at (414) 529-1642.

St. Ben's Covid-19 Update:

NO volunteer-made food or community meals in the dining room for the foreseeable future

With their certified staff, they will continue to provide & deliver carryout dinners for St. Anthony Apartments and several of the shelters in the area. **Financial Donations needed and welcome**

<https://www.capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/donations>

In July they will accept help from Certified Volunteers

To become a CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER to help with the take-out meal go to

<https://www.wirerestaurant.org/servsafe>

For the course and test; cost is \$15

Questions/volunteer:

contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org
BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



Feeding the Community

Open to the Community and ALL Parishioners in Need

IF YOUR GARDEN IS BOUNTIFUL THIS SUMMER, consider sharing your produce with our pantry during our open hours!

The M.P.H. St. Vincent de Paul FOOD PANTRY is OPEN

During this Covid-19 Period of Restriction

The Pantry is located in the building at the far South end of the parking lot
1212 S. 117th St., West Allis
EVERY SATURDAY 9:30-11:30 AM
LAST WED. of the month 6:00-7:30 PM
ALL OTHER WED. 9-11:00 AM

For emergencies please call 211

Elder Concierge Services

- ◇ Do you have a question or need information about caregiver resources, home care, hospice, housing, meals, housekeeping, companionship, errand services or transportation?
- ◇ Do you need information about the Power of Attorney for Healthcare or guardianship?
- ◇ Do you need Social Service assistance or support?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Clement Manor's Director of Social Work and Concierge Services Jeanne Aliota at (414) 546-7319 or jaliota@clementmanor.com.

This service is being offered to the community at this time due to recognizing the many needs that are currently prevalent.

Prayer from Pope Francis
To the Blessed Mother
during the COVID-19 Crisis
(English Translation March, 2020)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

