

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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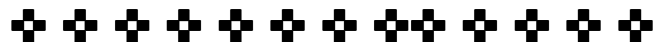
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**MINISTRY DIRECTORY
2012-2013**

The following is a guide to parish ministries, committees and organizations at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. For more detailed information, please feel free to call the contact person listed in this booklet or the parish office at 647-5035, during regular office hours.



PARISH STAFF & OFFICE

Pastor:	Father John Lemire
Permanent Deacon:	Deacon Larry Duke
Coordinator of Programs:	Paulette Rostad
Religious Ed Coordinator:	Denise DeBernardi
Parish Secretary:	Anita Herd
Caretakers:	Rose Anne & Norm Quenneville
Office Hours:	The secretary is in the Parish Office Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM - noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Parish Email:	omphoffice@gmail.com
Facebook Page:	facebook.com/OMPH.NL
Parish Website:	www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca
Sunday Mass Times:	Sunday 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.
Weekday Mass Times:	See Sunday bulletin or website
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. or call Fr. John to set an appointment.

PARISH SERVICES ONLY A CALL AWAY

- Need a copy of your sacramental certificate?
- Want to have a Mass offered for someone?
- Have an announcement for the bulletin?
- New to the Parish and want to register?
- Want Sunday offering envelopes?
- Need information about Parish activities?

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS



Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council is the thinking, praying, planning and coordinating body of all pastoral life in the Parish. It is to serve as a vehicle to encourage understanding and cooperation between the Parish Team and parishioners. The Pastoral Council meets once a month (usually the second Thursday of the month). Contact: Marg Arthur (672- 2573).

Members of the Current Parish Pastoral Council

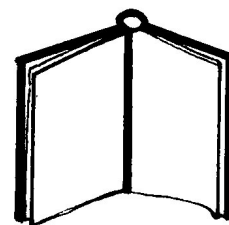
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| ★ Marg Arthur (Chair) | ★ Darlene Beland |
| ★ Father John Lemire (Pastor) | ★ Debbie Bandy |
| ★ Deacon Larry Duke | ★ Marc Hurtubise |
| ★ Denise DeBernardi | ★ Jeannine Woods (Secretary) |
| ★ Darcy Hearn | |

Parish Administration Council: The Parish Administration Council is mandated to review all parish finances and to advise the Pastor on all financial and personnel matters. The Administration Council meets once a month. Contact: Pat Willard-Inglis (647-5222).

Members of Parish Administration Council

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| ★ Gary Godreau | ★ Brian Mackey |
| ★ Father John Lemire (Pastor) | ★ Patricia Willard-Inglis |

Catholic Literature Committee: The Catholic Literature Committee is mandated to promote good Catholic literature to the parishioners by providing Catholic magazines, pamphlets, newspapers and seasonal reflection booklets. They also assist in providing resource materials for our sacramental preparation programs, bereavement ministry and family committee lending library. In addition, they provide resources for staff and students at ECCS. The Catholic Literature Committee meets quarterly. Contact: Paulette Rostad (647-5116).



Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.): The Catholic Women's League is a national organization of Catholic women who are rooted in gospel values. The goal of the C.W.L. is to call its members to holiness through service to the People of God. The C.W.L. is open to all women of the Parish, sixteen years or older. The C.W.L. meets once a month (usually the first Wednesday of the month). Contact Yvette VanLankveld (647-8638).



Grey Sisters' Associates: The Grey Sisters' Associates are a group of women and men who desire to journey with the Grey Sisters as they follow the footsteps of St. Marguerite D'Youville. The Associates gather once a month for a time of prayer and sharing. Contact Rita Hogan (647-4525).



Knights of Columbus (K of C): The Knights of Columbus is an organized body of loyal Catholic laymen providing a fraternal association to serve and grow in their faith. Their activities include providing assistance to those in need, strengthening family life and defending the unborn and aged. The Knights of Columbus is open to all men in the Parish, eighteen years or older. The Knights of Columbus meet once a month (usually the third Tuesday of the month). Contact Norm Quenneville (647-4450).

Mission Society: The Mission Society is a group concerned about issues of justice, peace and development at home and abroad. The Mission Society sponsors and administers our monthly "Mission Box" as well as our Lenten Development and Peace Campaign. This group is a special sub-committee of the Pastoral Council.

Rosary Prayer Group: The Rosary Prayer Group is a group of parishioners who commit themselves to prayer, in particular the rosary, on a regular basis in the Church. Their three primary intentions are to pray for the protection of the priesthood, the needs of our Parish and parishioners and the strengthening of the family unit. The Rosary Prayer Group meets Thursday at 1:15 pm. Contact Kathie Garahan (647-6390).



Visitation Committee: The Visitation Committee is a group of men and women who commit themselves to comfort and care for the sick and lonely of our Parish by making regular visits to them. Some members of the Visitation Committee bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. Training is provided to assist members in their ministry. The Visitation Committee meets quarterly. Contact Rita Hogan (647-4525).

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers: boys and girls, currently in grade four and up, who assist the priest during Sunday Masses and other liturgical services.

Adult Servers: men and women who act as altar servers for Sunday Masses, funeral liturgies, weekday Masses and other liturgical services

Eucharistic Ministers: women and men who because of their baptism, values, dedication, faithfulness to Mass and a deep belief in the Real Presence, have been mandated to administer the Body and Blood of Christ at Sunday Mass and other liturgical services

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and Shut-Ins: women and men who administer Holy Communion to family members or fellow parishioners who are sick and shut-in

Lectors (Readers): women and men who proclaim the Scripture readings to the assembly during Sunday Masses and other liturgical services

Music Ministers: women, men and youth who are willing to provide music for our weekend Masses and other special occasions- anyone with a musical talent or interest is welcomed!

Sacristans: women and men who volunteer to clean the sacred vessels, altar area and linens as well as set-up the weekend Masses

Ushers: men and women who assist at the weekend Masses and other special occasions by greeting people at the entrance, taking up the collection and assisting people in need during Mass

For all liturgical ministries contact Fr. John (647-5035).



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Let the Children Come to Me: This is a weekly religious program, geared for children in JK until they complete their First Communion, takes place at the 11 AM Sunday Mass. It offers young people an opportunity to reflect upon the readings, at their age level, as well as apply the readings through a craft or activity. Adult leaders and youth helpers accompany the children in the Parish Hall where the program takes place. Contact: Anita Herd (647-5035)



Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Children's Programs: Christian day camps held during the summer for children 4 to 12. Throughout the year follow-up activities are provided for these age groups. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist with programming, transportation and supervision. Contact: Fr. John (647-5035).

ECCS Rosary Group: Each Tuesday, during lunch time, members of the Catholic Women's League and Rosary Prayer Group visit the students at ECCS. They come together with students to learn more about the rosary and devotion to Mary. Children of all ages are welcome to participate in this group. Contact: Kathie Garahan (647-6390).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptismal Preparation: Our Diocesan policy for the Baptism of children calls for a preparation that consists of three group meetings in the parish hall, with other parents, prior to the celebration of Baptism. All Baptisms take place within the celebration of one of our weekend Masses. To register for the next preparation session, please call the Parish during regular office hours.

Baptismal Preparation Team: This is a team of men and women who are committed to the Diocesan policy concerning baptism. Team members facilitate one of the three preparation meetings for families interested in having their child baptized. Training and support material is provided for the team members. Contact: Father John.



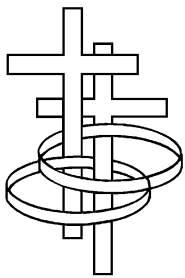
First Reconciliation (Confession): In the fall months, young people in grade three begin preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The preparation involves a school, parish and home component. There are three parent meetings during the school year to assist parents in their preparations. Children who do not attend ECCS take part in three Saturday morning sessions during the fall. There is also a retreat day for all children. Children receive their First Reconciliation during the Advent Season in a Parish celebration.

First Eucharist (Communion): After preparing for and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, young people (in grade three and up) are welcome to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. The preparation involves a school, parish and home component. There are two parent meetings during the school year to assist parents in their preparations. Children who do not attend ECCS take part in three Saturday morning sessions during the winter months. There is also a retreat day for all children. Children receive their First Communion during the Easter Season as part of a family celebration. Children must first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Confirmation: Every second year young people in grades seven and eight are given an opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Program for Confirmation. The preparation involves a school, parish and home component. The young candidates are expected to participate in the Sunday celebration of Mass, six group meetings with their peers, a retreat afternoon and a community service project. Confirmation is celebrated during the Easter Season. The next preparation for Confirmation will begin this fall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): RCIA provides a process whereby persons interested in the Catholic faith can learn more about our faith with the possibility of becoming full members of the Catholic Church. This process is also for those who have been baptized as Catholics and wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance. It is also open to Catholics who may wish a "refresher course" to deepen their faith. RCIA is a process that begins in October and continues until after Easter. During this period, candidates are provided with catechetical instruction and an opportunity to journey with others as they explore the Catholic faith.



Marriage: Couples wishing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage are expected to give the Parish at least six months notice. Couples should be free to marry (i.e. never previously married or have an annulment). Marriage preparation consists of: regularly scheduled meetings with the priest, completion of the FOCCUS questionnaire and participation in an Engaged Encounter weekend. Marriages, on Saturdays, are celebrated at 2:30 PM.

Sacrament of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all Catholics who are: seriously ill, seriously weakened by advanced age or scheduled for serious surgery. The Sacrament of the Sick is an opportunity to receive God's grace in a special way. It can help those who receive the Sacrament to trust in God more, fight against temptation and anxiety and help them bear their suffering bravely. The Sacrament of the Sick should no longer be seen as exclusively a Sacrament for the dying. Anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick should contact Fr. John.

OTHER SERVICES

Transportation Committee: Parishioners who are in need of a ride to attend Mass are paired up with a family in the Parish to assist them with transportation. To arrange a ride for Mass or to volunteer to be a driver, contact Anita Herd (647-5035).



Family Committee: The Family Committee aims to provide support to Catholic families in the areas of Christian family life, parenting and marriage enrichment. The Family Committee provides this support through the creation of a parish lending library, by providing occasional workshops for parents and by sponsoring seasonal activities for families. For further information about becoming a member contact Anna Turner (647-6823).

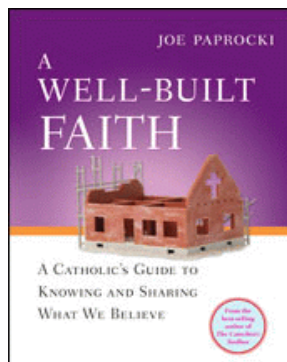
Parish Social Committee: The Parish Social Committee attempts to reach out to parishioners of all ages by providing occasional social activities that allow us, as a Parish Family, to come together and socialize with one another. For further information, contact Linda Whitehouse (647-8408).

Bereavement Support Ministry: Through individual outreach and grief support groups, the Parish attempts to reach out to those who are grieving the death of a loved one. To find out more about services available contact Fr. John (647-5035).

Living Rosary: Twice a year (October and May) our Parish hosts a Living Rosary. This Living Rosary is a simple way we can show our devotion toward our Blessed Mother.

Food, Faith, And Fellowship (FFF) consists of eight Monday evenings, **beginning October 1st at 6:00 P.M.** in the Parish Hall. The evening begins with a simple meal (free will offering) and then a presentation on a topic of faith to help participants grow in their understanding and appreciation the Catholic Faith. Cost is a free will offering for the meal and \$10 for workbook. Participants are free to attend any or all sessions. Topics covered will be:

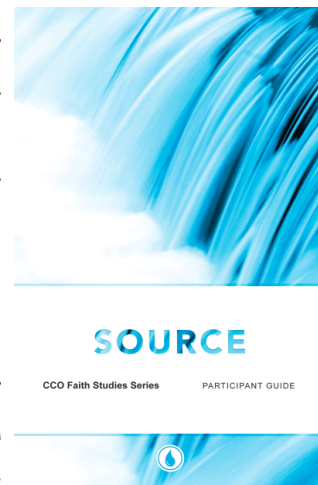
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A WELL-BUILT FAITH: To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we will be hosting a four part series based on a book by Joe Paprocki. A Well-Built Faith makes it easy and fun for Catholics to know that they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs with others. The series will take place on a monthly basis from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Cost of the book is \$12 and participants will be expected to read a section before each session.

- ☐ October 21st The Creed: Holding On To Faith
- ☐ November 11th The Sacraments: Expressing Faith
- ☐ January 13th The Moral Life: Living Faith
- ☐ February 10th Prayer: Praying Faith

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS: The "Faith Studies Series" is a collection of helpful resources to clearly and simply understand and explain truth and principles for living the Catholic faith. Each session integrates Scripture and Church teachings in its small group discussions. Participants meet once a week for six weeks (approximately ninety minutes per week) to share faith and life in a very casual and homey atmosphere. Small faith sharing groups meet twice a year (fall and spring). Cost of the reflection booklet is \$7. For those who have not participated in last spring's session, the theme for this fall will be "Discovery - Jesus is the indispensable, core message of the Christian faith." For those who participated in the spring session, the theme for this fall will be "Source - The Holy Spirit makes a difference in our faith life."



CATHOLICISM: Based on the internationally acclaimed new series by Fr. Robert Barron, Catholicism is a ten week program that not only explains what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. The series will be broken into a fall and winter session to make it more accessible for parishioners. It will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. beginning November 1st. Topics for the fall session are:

- ☐ November 1st Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Becomes Man
- ☐ November 8th Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus
- ☐ November 15th The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought
- ☐ November 22nd Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God
- ☐ November 29th The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul & Missionary Activity



Holy Hour for Vocations: Our Parish sets aside one hour per month, usually the third Wednesday of the month, to spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. During our time together we pray the Church's Evening Prayer and then spend some time in quiet prayer before concluding with Benediction.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: To help deepen our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, our Parish hosts a monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. on the fourth Friday of the month. During the Seasons of Advent and Lent, we extend this time of Adoration to every Friday. This time before the Blessed Sacrament gives us an opportunity to pray for the needs of our Parish Family, especially our call to be an evangelizing community of faith.



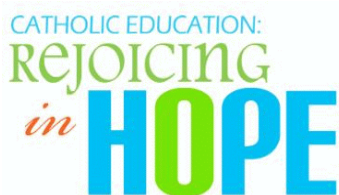
THE CATECHISM DAY BY DAY: For this Year of Faith, Pope Benedict has encouraged us to study and reflect on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Well, here's an easy way to do it. Simply go www.flocknote.com/catechism and enter your email address and - starting October 11, 2012 - you'll start getting a little bit of the Catechism emailed to you every morning. Read that little bit every day and you'll read the whole catechism in a year.

ASSOCIATED PARISH GROUPS

Right to Life: Pro-Vie Tri-Town Right to Life is the local pro-life organization servicing our area. Members of Tri-Town Right to Life believe in the right to life of all individuals from the moment of conception until natural death, regardless of race, creed, gender, or degree of ability. This group is involved in a variety of activities including: assisting pregnant teens, providing educational resources about life issues and working at the political level to bring about protection for human life. For further information about becoming a member contact Kathie Garahan (647-6390).



New Liskeard Catholic Cemetery Board: We are very fortunate to have a Catholic Cemetery jointly owned and operated by the two Catholic Parishes in the area. The Catholic Cemetery is located on Dawson Point Road and is a beautiful and sacred space for the internment of loved ones. For the purchase of lots or any concerns dealing with cemetery issues phone 647-6057.



English Catholic Central School (ECCS): Serving the needs of English Catholic families in the area, ECCS offers an excellent English learning environment for children JK to grade eight. It also offer a grade five to eight late immersion program. For further information, contact Lori Hurtubise, school principal (647-4301).

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming, vibrant, faith-filled community dedicated to living and communicating the message of the gospel by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, developing committed leaders, and reaching out to others with God's love.

PASTORAL PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

COMMUNITY LIFE:

- ◆ To deepen and develop our efforts to reach out to inactive, registered families in the Parish and families at ECCS.
- ◆ To strengthen and expand our outreach to the senior population of the Parish, honouring them as valuable and cherished members of the faith community.
- ◆ To welcome all individuals and families new to the Parish, encourage them to make it their religious home, and are invited to contribute to its life and spirit.

OUTREACH:

- ◆ To improve our efforts at the evangelizing of inactive, alienated or hurting members of the community.
- ◆ To follow-up with all sacramental candidates over the past three years, inviting them to deeper membership and participation within the life of the Parish.
- ◆ To develop an outreach ministry to those that are separated and divorced.

WORSHIP:

- ◆ To increase the number of parishioners participating in the liturgical life of the Parish.
- ◆ To enhance the music ministry program to ensure that joyful praise is the hallmark of Parish liturgies.
- ◆ To promote and encourage parishioners to be engaged in full, conscious and active participation in all aspects of the Church's liturgy.

FORMATION:

- ◆ To continue to enhance its adult faith formation programs and encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate in some aspect of ongoing faith education.
- ◆ To assist parishioners in understanding the changes of the New Roman Missal.
- ◆ To develop a program of leadership formation for parishioners to assist them in better serving the needs of their Parish Family.

If anyone in the Parish would like to sit on one of these committees, or to become a member of Parish Council, please contact Fr. John.

PARISH WEBSITE & PARISH EMAIL LIST



Check out our Parish Website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin, current Sunday Homilies (podcasts), past bulletins, the current liturgical schedule, and a host of other useful information and links.

We encourage every parishioner to join our Parish Email list by emailing the office at omphoffice@gmail.com. You will receive the bulletin, interesting articles and all the latest news in the Parish by email.



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