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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Acontecimientos de la Semana

Wednesday, September 4

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Francis Food Pantry OPEN
139 Sherman Avenue

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous
in OLPH Hall

Thursday, September 5

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Narcotics Anonymous
in O.L. of Perpetual Help Hall



PARISH LITURGY

Litúrgia de la Parroquia

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
100 Grant Avenue
Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 9:30 AM
7:00 PM (*Misa en Español*)

Daily Masses

Tuesday, Thursday &
First Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Individual Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

St. Catharine of Siena Church
50 E Street
Seaside Park, NJ 08752

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday
& Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Individual Confession

Saturday: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Parish Mass Intentions
September 2 - 6, 2024

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Thomas Fallon by Mark & Diana Barclay
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Dot & Ken Dingsor by Larry & Johanna McCauley
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Joseph Bongiorno by Dawson Family
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Joseph Burns by Loving Wife
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Trudy Kedzierski by Kim Hulsart

September 7, 2024 - September 8, 2024

SAT	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Jean Caruso by Loving Family
	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ Jennie & Mike Fabiano Love Marie
	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ Nicholas J. Paciulli by Cathy Cardinale
SUN	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ The Deceased of September 11, 2001 and Their Families
	9:30am At OLPH	+ Maria & Alfredo Galvao by Family
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Victor Basinski, IV by Dad
	7:00pm At OLPH	+ People of God Spanish Mass



SAINT FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY



Saint Francis Food Pantry is OPEN on
Wednesdays,
10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

St. Francis Food Pantry has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families who are in need of food assistance. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US!** We need children's cereal, chicken and beef Broth, Instant Potatoes, Jar Pasta Sauce, Juice, canned chicken, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, canned corn, spinach, beets, & yams, pancake mix & syrup, pudding, cookies, and snacks, mayo, mustard & ketchup, coffee, regular and instant.

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 24 - 25, 2024

Parish \$9,042 - Building Repair \$3,427

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Parish \$820 - Building Repair \$165

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At OLPH Church

Sponsor Certificates: If you are seeking a certificate from the pastor to serve as a sponsor or godparent for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner, a practicing Roman Catholic of at least 16 years of age, a person who received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and if married, you must be in a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am –12:00 pm Office is OPEN

12:00 pm—1:00 pm CLOSED for LUNCH

1:00 pm—4:00 pm Office is OPEN

Tuesday Parish office is CLOSED in the morning for a parish staff meeting and will open at 1:00 pm.

Friday No office hours

**Catechesis and Faith Formation
For Children of the Parish**



Registration for Catechesis and Faith Formation for Children in the Parish is now CLOSED.

- [September 11th - 5 pm](#)
2nd Grade (First Eucharist Meeting)
Parents and students required to attend
- [September 11th - 6:30pm](#)
8th grade (Confirmation Class Meeting)
Parents and students required to attend
- [September 18th - 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm](#)
Grades 1-4
- [September 25th - 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm](#)
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY RAFFLE ENDS TODAY

Today is your last opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing which will happen next week on Sunday, September 8. As of this writing, total ticket sales have brought in \$10,571. First prize would be \$2,642.75 (25%), second prize would be \$1,585.65 (15%) and third prize would be (10%). With more ticket sales this weekend, you can win even more.



Goal: \$60,000.00

Pledged: \$70,360.50 (117%)

Paid: \$61,162.85 (102%)

Total Donors: 221

Total Gifts: 263

Average Gift: \$267.53

WOW!

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

Romans 5:5



SUMMER 2024 HOPE APPEAL

After our parish met and then surpassed our goal for the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal for the third year in a row, we began a parishioners’ appeal for help to improve the parish buildings on both our campuses. This brief summer appeal began as we started our seventh year as the one united Parish of St. Junipero Serra. We wanted to lay out some of our common needs as a parish with the hope that some people could help us as we move forward in hope. This is where we are in this process right now.

Our Diocese of Trenton helped us tremendously in helping us secure a clear and thorough engineering assessment with Ivera Group Forensic Consulting. The Ivera Group showed us that some of our more immediate repairs are less expensive than we originally thought, while some expensive projects for the near future have become more immediate. This is another one of those situations that reminds us all of the importance of getting a second opinion from a specialist.

SAINT CATHARINE OF SIENA CAMPUS

Saint Catharine of Siena Church Roof

After a November 2010 inspection of the church roof, the parish installed a new roof after a 2011 capital campaign. That roof needs a resealing as part of its regular maintenance that is due at this time. This project will cost us **\$38,885** which we can cover from our Building Repair Fund. This is a normal maintenance procedure that has come due at this time and will extend the life of this roof. We were expecting this.

Saint Catharine Hall

Using our **PINK Envelopes**, we raised **\$3,850** with \$1,500 of that amount coming from one donation from the Rosary Altar Society. We have received some donations from individual families in addition to what was contributed with the envelopes. We now have a total

of **\$511,852.35** for this project which will cost us more than twice that amount. **We do not have a lot of money to do this project that we really need to do.** While \$511,853.35 seems like a lot of money, it is about 48% of what we need to repair and renovate St. Catharine Hall. One of many project expenses is to replace the HVAC system, which is breaking down all too fast. With over 130 children enrolled in Faith Formation for Children, with several recent well-attended Adult Faith Formation Programs, and various social events through the year, we need to renovate this hall. Yes, we could use more money for this project even if we scale it down. We can proceed by moving forward with what we have. At the same time, we can ask 100 people to write a check for \$5,118.52 to double the amount we have. We can ask 100 people to write a check for \$512 for this project and they in turn ask 9 family members, friends, colleagues, co-workers, and bosses to write a check for \$512. This would double our money for this project. We can ask visitors and guests here this summer to ask their home parishes to send us \$5,118.52 for this project. If 100 visiting families do that, we can double our money for this project. These are just a few ideas. We are in this together.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CAMPUS

As previously mentioned, a few deceased long-time parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help wrote wills that left part of their respective estates for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church specifically. That amounts to a total of **\$185,495**. All of this money will go for capital repairs on OLPH Church.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roof

Using our **BLUE Envelopes**, people donated a total of **\$6,130** for this project. Again, \$1,500 of this amount came from one donation from the Rosary Altar Society. When we add this to amount mentioned above, we have a total of **\$191,625** to repair OLPH Church. We plan on moving forward in the following ways:

- ◆ Installation of cap flashing to overlap the masonry cap and seam repair around the church, estimated at \$4,000 in cost.
- ◆ We do not have to replace the whole roof on OLPH Church. On the roof of the main body of the church we will detach slate tiles along the roof to wall sections, installation of new underlayment, installation of new step flashing, installation of new counterflashing, reinstall slate tiles and slate tile inserts as needed. This has an estimated cost of \$25,000.

For each of the towers on OLPH we need to remove both roof systems, remove the saturated decking, seal the frame, install new decking, install a new drain system and install new TPO roof system with proper flashing. This will cost about \$10,000 for each tower for a total of **\$20,000**.

Most of the interior damage in the Reconciliation Room is a result of the air conditioning unit in that tower dripping large amounts that has broken through the ceiling in the Reconciliation Room and damaged the carpet.

We cannot neglect or postpone these repairs any longer. We will have to get a new HVAC system for OLPH Church sooner than later. We need a new and up-to-date air conditioning system and heating system. We only received a total of \$5.00 for this project. This is going to be a very large expense for us. A better system will reduce our utility costs for the church.



Interior damage in the east tower that we need to repair



Interior damage in the west tower from the air conditioning unit dripping large amounts of water.

Saint Francis Food Pantry

We need to replace the food pantry roof. We need to replace the laminated asphalt roof system to the decking with proper flashing details. This project has an estimated cost of **\$12,000**. Annual Catholic Appeal rebate will cover this will Building Repair Funds.

Quonset Hut—OLPH Hall

We have worked on this roof in previous years. For now, we just need to clean and maintain the roof system. We need to repair the membrane on the flat room above the Grant Street entrance and monitor it for leaks as we move forward. Repairing the membrane will cost us about \$500.

Important things for us to remember

1. All of the money we have right now to work on these repairs comes from people who worship with us, including the rebate from the Annual Catholic Appeal.
2. What may seem like a lot of money in terms of what is available for us to work on these projects is not enough money to do what we need to do. Thank you for contributing on a regular basis to our Parish Building Repair Fund.
3. Our ordinary income in the First Collection each week does not meet our operating expenses to run this parish.
4. We are still waiting for a response on three grant applications that we have submitted for funds for new doors on our two churches. If we do not receive that grant money, we will have to replace those doors at our expense.
5. In addition to what we collected with the different color envelopes, anonymous donations to our building repair fund from people totaled **\$27,500**. One parishioner gave us **\$5,000** to begin replacing the broken kneelers in Saint Catharine Church. A family in the parish is donating their baby grand piano for our use in Saint Catharine Church. Last summer, one couple gave us over \$5,000 in a private donation to repair and replenish the tabernacle in OLPH Church.

We have a lot to do. We are doing a lot. Your generous donation helps us to maintain our vibrant parish here in this part of Ocean County. Please continue with your generosity for the life of our parish community.

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