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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Acontecimientos de la Semana

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

8: 45 am Bible Study
in OLPH Sacristy
Luke 24: 13-35

5:00 pm Simon's Kitchen
*Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Hall*

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
Faith Formation Grades 1-4
*on the Saint Catharine
Campus of the Parish*

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

Thursday, April 16, 2026

**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Narcotics
Anonymous**
in OLPH Hall

Friday, April 17, 2026

5:00 pm Simon's Kitchen
OLPH 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
April 13, 2026 - April 17, 2026**

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Al and Marie Lospinoso by the Lospinoso
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Maryann Bradley by her Husband
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Joseph Dolobacs by Denise & Craig Henry
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Carol Ann Backus by Loving Husband and Family
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Anthony Kulzy, Jr. by Merlinda and John

April 18, 2026 - April 19, 2026

SAT	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ Elsie & Leonard Ciccone by Loving Daughter Marlene
	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ Kathleen Rahner by The Rij Family
SUN	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Margaret DeLorme by Donna & Margaret
	9:30am At OLPH	+ Joseph Marcianti by Ursula Marcianti
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	People of the Parish by Family
	7:00 pm At OLPH	+ 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 juice, canned fruit, beef stew, pasta sauce, syrup, mayo, mustard & ketchup, coffee, regular and instant and tea.

All are welcome at Saint Francis Food Pantry.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to an early publishing deadline, weekly collections will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity

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Mr. Kevin Dzugan Custodian
At OLPH 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 - 4:00pm*
Friday **No office hours**



Faith Formation for Children

April 15, 2026 - 5:00 pm –6:15pm
Grades 1-4

April 22, 2026 - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm
Grades 5, 6, 7, & Confirmation Class

April 29, 2026 - 5:00 pm –6:15pm
Grades 1-4

Simon's Soup Kitchen Spring Gala

Simon's Soup Kitchen will host its annual **Spring Gala Fundraiser** on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, from **6pm to 10pm** at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and dancing. Tickets are **\$45 per person** and can be obtained by calling Simon's Soup Kitchen at 732-270-5941 or see Alan Czaplinski at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Business Sponsorships are also available.

OUR PARISH USHERS NEED YOUR HELP

Our parish ushers and ministers of hospitality at St. Catharine of Siena Church can always use a little extra help with taking up the collections at the 11:00 am Mass. If you can help even on one time basis, please see one of the Ushers on the Central Ave side.

REMINDER: Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards are available by the entrances to each of the parish's churches.

POPE LEO XIV

“I would like to reflect with you on the mission to which God calls us as his people. It is the Christian mission, the very same as Jesus’, not another. Each of us takes part in it according to our own vocation in a deeply personal obedience to the voice of the Spirit, yet never without others, never neglecting or breaking communion! Bishops and priests, as we renew our promises, we are at the service of a missionary people. Together with all the baptized, we are the Body of Christ, anointed by his Spirit of freedom and consolation, the Spirit of prophecy and unity.

“What Jesus experiences at the culminating moments of his mission is foreshadowed by the passage from Isaiah, which he quoted in the synagogue at Nazareth as the word that is fulfilled ‘today’ (cf. *Lk* 4:21). Indeed, at the hour of Easter, it becomes definitively clear that God consecrates in order to send. ‘He has sent me’ (*Lk* 4:18), says Jesus, describing that movement which binds his Body to the poor, to prisoners, to those groping in the dark and to those who are oppressed. We, as members of his Body, speak of a Church that is ‘apostolic,’ sent out, driven beyond itself, and consecrated to God in the service of his creatures. ‘As the Father has sent me, so I send you’ (*Jn* 20:21).

*Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Rome
Basilica of St. John Lateran,
Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026*

“In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

“We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (*Urbi et Orbi* Message 20 April 2025).

“The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: “If you fear death, love the resurrection!” (*Sermon 124, 4*). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One. He passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (*Jn* 14:27).

“The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! “

Urbi et Orbi Message
April 5, 2026

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Humanity’s need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th century, when civilization began again to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of every human life. Today, humanity’s need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of Divine Mercy is just as urgent. The parish will gather for prayer this year on Divine Mercy Sunday.

2:30 pm—4:30 pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

3:00 pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:30 pm

Benediction

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RSVP/Questions:
Joyce Kobylarz
973-714-6797
no later than May 5th

*Have a picture you'd like included in the slideshow?
Send to Lsarace@verizon.net

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress

Goal: \$53,000.00
Pledged: \$25,128.50 (47%)
Paid: \$22,075.50 (42%)
Total Donors: 83
 (30.6 % towards participation incentive)
Average Gift: \$302.75

Total donors needed to qualify for the participation increase incentive: 271

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"In the communion of the Saints and in the grace of the Sacraments, above all in the Eucharist, we are truly united, even when we cannot be so visibly. What appears to the eyes as distance, in faith, becomes communion."

Cardinal Dominique Mathieu, OFM Conv.
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 Easter Message to Catholics in Iran

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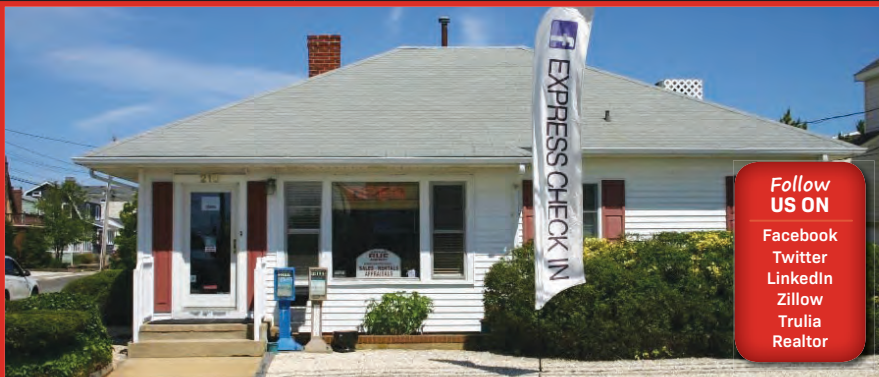
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