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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Acontecemientos de la Semana

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Bible Study
Matthew 25:14-30
in OLPH Sacristy

7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
St. Catharine Hall

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Parish Office Closed

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

6:15 pm Faith Formation Classes for Children Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Confirmation
St. Catharine Hall

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

Thursday, November 12, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
in OLPH Hall

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Adventures in Faith
St. Catharine 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
November 9 - November 16

MON	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Donna Murphy by Family
TUES	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Elizabeth O'Hara Rodgers by Family
WED	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Joseph Mathis by loving Family
THUR	8:00 am At OLPH	+ Joseph Burns by loving wife
FRI	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ John Gallo by Loving Family

November 14, 2026 - November 15, 2026

SAT	4:00 pm At OLPH	+ People of the Parish
SUN	4:30 pm At St. Catharine	+ Scott Francis by Middleton & Francis Families
	8:00 am At St. Catharine	+ Michael Giaquinto by Rochelle & Pete
	9:30 am At OLPH	+ Eileen Connolly by Family
	11:00 am At St. Catharine	+ + Anthony Kulzy, Jr. by the Artale 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

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Mr. John Milas	Pastoral Musician
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.*

Friday **No office hours**

PROMISE TO PROTECT, PLEDGE TO HEAL

Inspired by the Gospel, we reverence the dignity of each human person and we seek the common good. We promise to protect and defend the dignity of every child, woman and man in our parish community and beyond it.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if you know someone who was abused, you can report the abuse by calling **1-888-296-2965** or via email at **abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org**.

We, as a parish, strongly encourage anyone with an allegation of abuse to contact local law enforcement. The Diocese of Trenton reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

Faith Formation for Children

Registration for Faith Formation for Children during the 2026-2027 school year is now closed.
Please contact the office if you have not registered.

November 11th—6:15pm - 7:30pm
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Confirmation

November 18th—5:00 pm - 6:15pm
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

November 25th -- NO CLASSES
Happy Thanksgiving!

Faith Formation for Adults

Tuesday, November 10th

8:45 am Bible Study
OLPH Sacristy

7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Saint Catharine Hall

Thursday, November 12th

7:00 pm Adventures in Faith NEW!
Faith Formation for Young Adults who are Confirmed and Young Adults who are seeking Confirmation in the Catholic Church

Saint Catharine Hall

A Message from our Pastor

Michael G. Lorentsen, OFM Conv.

May the Lord give you peace!

YES, we just finished our first week in November. Can you believe it???

We began the week celebrating the memory and witness of All the Saints. This great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) remind us of and accompany us in our universal call to holiness. They continue to teach us and to help us how to train in love so that we too may join them one day at the heavenly banquet. They form the Church in Glory and they intercede for us, The Church on pilgrimage. They are our great fans who cheer us on in our pilgrimage to live the joy of the Gospel, as missionary disciples just like they did.

Beginning on November 2 and through the month of November, we pray in a special way for all who have died with the hope that these deceased loved ones, friends, friars, and fellow parishioners may have the courage to embrace the fullness of divine love from the Lord all merciful and infinitely compassionate. We hold the deceased members of the Church in our hearts as we pray for them at Mass and write their names in our Book of Remembrance by the paschal candle. The paschal candle reminds us of the Risen Christ and how we entered into the mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection through the waters of Baptism.

Once again this week, we were given the opportunity to vote for members of government as members of this one nation, under God. We give thanks for the gift of living in a democracy as we continue to promote the dignity of each and every human person and to collaborate with our fellow citizens in seeking the common good with the wisdom and virtues of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We move forward as the end of the 2026 Year of Grace approaches and we prepare to open a new Year of Grace with the First Sunday of Advent on November 29th. As our nation prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving in a few weeks, we gather here each Sunday "to offer praise and thanks" (aka, "Eucharist") to God for the gift of Jesus Christ and the power of God's Holy Spirit dwelling in our midst. We move forward as one parish community, grounded in faith, nurtured by hope, and sustained by love.

People are already planning for the big holiday at the end of December that coincides with the great Christian feast of Christmas. While dinner plans, house decoration plans, and shopping are all well underway, what are we thinnking about doing for Advent? What may we plan for our faith celebration of "the Word made flesh" and the truth that "Christ is born for us?" How do we want to welcome the newborn King and the Risen and Glorified Christ in our hearts, our families, and our parish in a more profound way this Christmas? Yes indded, "Christ is the reason for the season." We have these next few weeks to ponder what we are giving thanks for this year, how we and our families want to celebrate Advent, and what we would like to make different to enrich our lives with God.

Our second collection next weekend, **November 14-15** – the World Day of the Poor – is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. bishops. “Created in the image of God, every person has inherent dignity and the capacity to contribute to the flourishing of their families and communities. Our faith calls us to stand in solidarity with people experiencing poverty, supporting their leadership as they work to address the root causes of poverty and build a better future,” said Bishop Timothy C. Senior of Harrisburg, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. “Through CCHD, the Church puts this commitment into action, accompanying communities as they work toward a future in which all people can flourish,” he continued. THANK YOU for your help!

Peace and all good!
Fr. Michael

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come join us in this comforting ministry. The shawls are blessed and given to people in need of a "spiritual hug". We meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Hall on the OLPH Campus. We can also teach you to knit if you would like to learn. If you or anyone you know are in need please call 908-616-3213 and leave a message.

Saturday, November 7th
5th Annual
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SIMON'S SOUP KITCHEN

Simon's Soup Kitchen IS open. Free meals are available every **Tuesday** and **Friday** evening beginning at **5:00 pm** at the parish hall on the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Campus of our parish at 168 Grant Avenue, Seaside Heights. Anyone in need of a hot meal is welcome.

Simon's Soup Kitchen will be providing **FREE Thanksgiving Day** dinners on **Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center, located at 168 Grant Avenue in Seaside Heights.

All meals will be served takeout-style, packaged to go. Anyone in need of a hot Thanksgiving meal is welcome to stop by and receive a free dinner.

POPE LEO XIV

On the Economy

From the pope's catechesis on Vatican II's *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern world: Gaudium et Spes* (GS) at the General Audience, November 4, 2026

"The heart of the economy is work. Through it, one develops as a person, provides for family needs, expresses one's own talent, participates in social life and builds a better world by collaborating in God's creative work. Work must never be distorted to the detriment of people, the common good or creation. The real challenge is to offer everyone opportunities to make the most of their abilities: unemployment, exploitation and working conditions that endanger health and life itself are unacceptable (cf. GS, 67). Workers have the right and the duty to participate in decisions affecting their work, including through trade unions, resolving conflicts through dialogue and non-violent action (cf. GS, 68).

"In this context, the Council recalls one of the fundamental principles of social teaching, namely the universal destination of earthly goods (cf. GS, 69) and applies it to the financial sphere, stating that 'whoever makes decisions concerning these investments and the planning of the economy – whether they be individuals or groups of public authorities – are bound … to recognize their serious obligation of watching, on the one hand, that provision be made for the necessities required for a decent life both of individuals and of the whole community and, on the other, of looking out for the future and of establishing a right balance between the needs of present-day consumption, both individual and collective, and the demands of investing for the generation to come' (GS, 70).

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