



OLPH NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.

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Calendar Reminders

Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School

Jan 19 - First Nite @ the Races Meeting, 6:30 pm in room 205

Jan 20 - Progress Report for 2nd Trimester goes home today

Jan 21 - 2nd Parents Retreat at 9:30 am in room 103

Jan 27 - No School, Teacher In-service day



OLPH Faculty and Staff wish all our families a prosperous and Happy New Year. With this in mind, here is a poem by William Arthur Ward.

Another fresh new year is here
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

May Our Lord continue to bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand.

Parents' Retreat

Our Parents' Retreat, originally scheduled for Saturday, January 3, has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 21. We will be exploring "How Does God Speak to Us?" and examining "Do You Believe?" as our topics of discussion. The morning will be filled with praying, sharing and exploring our faith. Come join us and be filled with the Holy Spirit! Remember: Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 in Room 103.

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Month Award for December. Thank you for meeting one or more of our Schoolwide Learning Expectations-Faithful Catholic, Life-Long Learner, Effective Communicator, Responsible Person and Worldwide Citizen. We are proud of you!

Kindergarten - Victoria Thomas

1st Grade - Erica White

2nd Grade - Christine Cao

3rd Grade - Maria Saldivar

4th Grade - Jovanni Gamboa

5th Grade - Adysen Burgen

6th Grade - Rocio Medina

7th Grade - Anel Monreal

8th Grade - Alondra Arevalos

Physical Education - Jazmin Aguilar, Brian Pham

Computer - Haley Felix, Kyle Monroy

Reminders

Remember to....

- work on getting pledges for our Walkathon February 3
- check your child for long hair (haircuts are needed), finger nail polish (not allowed), correct shoes (navy blue and white, all white or all navy blue)
- send in your payments for extended care, morning care, lunch vouchers, outstanding registration fees, tuition
- complete parent participation hours
- complete the Safe Environment Protection of Children training online
- update your insurance information in the office for driving and
- communicate with your child's teacher regarding progress



Nite @ the Races



Our first Nite @ the Races meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm in room 205. If you signed up to be a part of the steering committee or would like to be a part of the steering committee please attend this meeting.

Year for Youth

As many of you know, this year Bishop Gerald Barnes, Diocese of San Bernardino, designated 2011-2012, *Year for Youth*. The theme *Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the Faith* (Col. 2:7), was chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for World Youth Day 2011. Catholic Schools in our diocese are encouraged to support our youth and to continue to teach them Gospel values so they can be strong Faithful Catholics who know how to make right choices and can lead others with good examples to follow.

On Friday, January 13, our seventh and eighth graders will be participating in a special liturgy at the University of Redlands, with all junior high students from other Catholic schools in the Diocese of San Bernardino. This is a great opportunity to witness others sharing their faith through prayer in liturgy. We are very proud of our seventh and eighth graders and know they will represent our school well. Please keep them and all our students in your prayers.

Cool Weather

Just a friendly reminder to label your child's sweater, jackets, uniforms, etc. We are now in our winter months where extra clothing is necessary to keep warm. On occasion, students do misplace their items or forget to take them home and many do not have names. We will do our part to remind students to take home their belongings, but sometimes this does not always happen. With the change in the weather it is important to have the appropriate school uniform, especially sweaters or jackets and their items with names. Thank you for your cooperation.

Revised Roman Missal

By now, we all have experienced the changes of prayers in the Liturgy. This week, we invite you take a look at the "Concluding Rites." It offers a clear explanation of the conclusion of the Mass and why it is important. This is the last of the series on the revised Roman Missal. It is our prayer and hope that this series has helped you understand the Mass itself, as well as the changes that have been initiated.

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

Last Week's Question

The custom of having a Nativity scene at Christmas began

- with St. Francis of Assisi.

In 1223, St. Francis arranged for the first Nativity scene. It was near the Italian town of Greccio, from which we have the word *crèche*.

This Week's Question

The wise men did not return to King Herod to tell him where the newborn king was because

- they were warned in a dream and went home another way.
- Joseph told them not to.
- Mary was suspicious of Herod.
- their camels were too tired.

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

St. Marguerite

Bourgeoys

January 12

"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in seventeenth-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667 they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

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Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel, Father John, Father Luis, and Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
- Peace in our hearts, peace in our words, peace in our actions
- A Happy and Blessed New Year
- All who are ill



Family Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

