

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

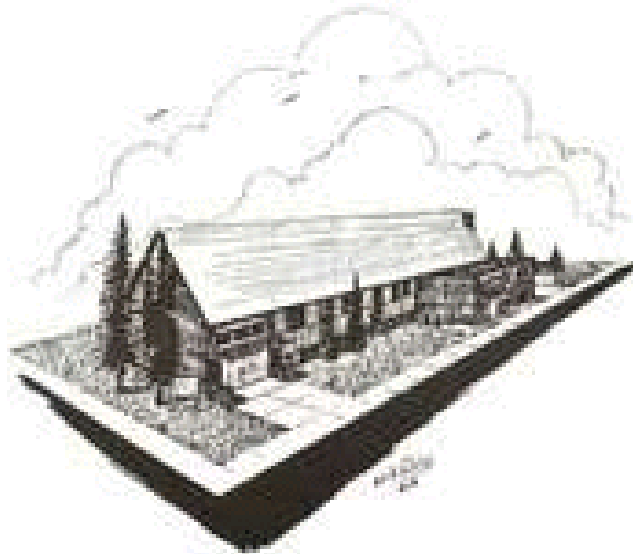
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**MINISTRY DIRECTORY
2010-2011**

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
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
Sunday Mass Times:	Sunday 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.
Weekday Mass Times:	See Sunday bulletin
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?
- Want the weekly bulletin emailed to you?

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

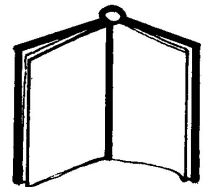
- ★ Marg Arthur (Chair)
- ★ Father John Lemire (Pastor)
- ★ Deacon Larry Duke
- ★ Denise DeBernardi
- ★ Darlene Beland
- ★ Michel Corbin
- ★ Glenda Labelle
- ★ Jeannine Woods (Secretary)

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

- ★ Al Snarr
- ★ Gary Godreau
- ★ Father John Lemire (Pastor)
- ★ Brian Mackey
- ★ 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 Audrey Shelton (647-6205).



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 Watchorn (672-5769)

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 Gloria Paoletti (647-5270).

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)



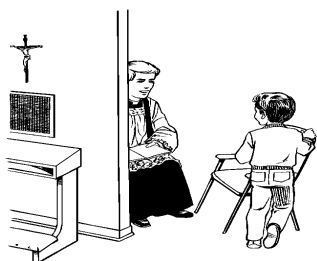
Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Children's Programs: Christian day camps held during the summer for children 4 to 12. Throughout the year follow-up activities are provided for these age groups. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist with programming, transportation and supervision. Contact: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

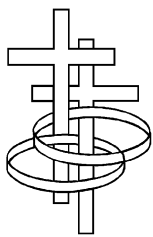


First Eucharist (Communion): After preparing for and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, young people (in grade three and up) are welcome to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion. The preparation involves a school, parish and home component. There are two parent meetings during 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 in the fall of 2010.



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).

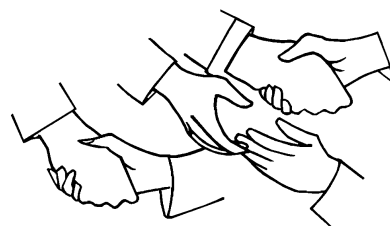


Family Committee: The Family Committee aims to provide support to Catholic families in the areas of Christian family life, parenting and marriage enrichment. The Family Committee provides this support through the creation of a parish lending library, by providing occasional workshops for parents and by sponsoring seasonal activities for families. For further information about becoming a member contact Jeannine Woods (647-3194).

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 Colleen Dodge (647-6669).

Catholics Returning Home: This is a program designed for those who have stopped practicing their faith and would like to return back to the Church. The program is an invitation for Catholics to return back to the Church in preparation for Christmas. Through informal presentations and discussions participants are updated about the Catholic Faith in a warm and welcoming environment. For further info, contact Fr. John.



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.



Awakening Faith: This is a program designed to assist parishioners deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Through a series of weekly presentations and discussions, participants are renewed in their faith and brought to a deeper understanding of some of the Church's core belief. For further info, contact Fr. John,

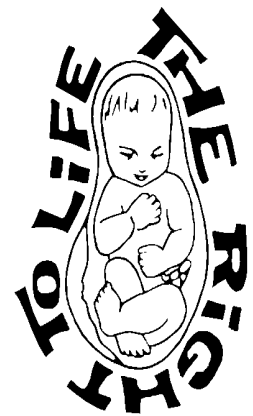
Holy Hour for Vocations: Our Parish sets aside one hour per month, usually the third Wednesday of the month, to spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. During our time together we pray the Church's Evening Prayer and then spend some time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

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 interment of loved ones. For the purchase of lots or any concerns dealing with cemetery issues, contact Marcel Beaubien, cemetery manager (647-6057).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
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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).

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR PARISH DID YOU KNOW ...

- ✠ In 1902, Father Beaudry, omi celebrated the first Mass in this area.
- ✠ In 1903, the Oblate Fathers erected the first church (St. Theodore's) on the site presently occupied by the old Armstrong Motors.
- ✠ In 1915, Father Arsenault proceeded to have a large "basement" Church built on Dymond Crescent where Sacré-Coeur Church now stands.
- ✠ In November 1926, Father Paquin changed the name of the Church from St. Theodore to Sacred Heart Church.
- ✠ On August 21, 1927, Bishop Rheaume blessed the Parish Cemetery.
- ✠ In February 1955, Father Murray was appointed curate at Sacred Heart Parish.
- ✠ On January 23, 1957, Father Murray requested to Bishop Tessier that an English Parish be built.
- ✠ In the spring of 1957, construction of the new Church began.
- ✠ On November 21, 1957, Father Murray was appointed the first Pastor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish by Bishop Tessier.
- ✠ On December 1, 1957, the first Parish Mass was celebrated in our new Church.
- ✠ At this time, there were 115 families registered in the Parish.
- ✠ The first couple to be married was Lawrence Paquette and June Hamilton on December 26, 1957.
- ✠ The first person to be baptized in the Church was James Wilson on December 27, 1957.
- ✠ The first funeral in the Church was on March 4, 1958 for Joseph Jordan.
- ✠ The only organization which spans the life of the Parish is the Catholic Women's League which was formed on November 26, 1953.
- ✠ The first Parish Council of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish was formed in February 1967 by Father M.J. Scully.
- ✠ In May 1971 construction of English Catholic Central School began.
- ✠ On April 10, 1972, ECCS opened its doors to Catholic students in the area. There were 19 teachers employed to educate 325 students from JK to Grade 8.

- ✠ In June 1976, Dalton Wilson assembled a group of parishioners and formed the Catholic Literature Fund.
- ✠ In the Fall of 1979, the program "Let the Children Come to Me" was founded.
- ✠ On June 11, 1980 Bishop Landriault ordained Bernard MacDonald as the first permanent deacon in the Diocese.
- ✠ On January 11, 1982, major renovation in the Church began under the leadership of Canon Jones.
- ✠ During the nine weeks of renovations, the parishioners of OMPH celebrated Sunday Mass at Eglise Sacré-Couer.
- ✠ In 1982, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a Parish. A special "Book of Memories" with photos of parishioners and groups was created.
- ✠ In October 1991, Sr. Catherine (Kitty) McCann, gsic was hired as a Pastoral Associate. She retired in March 1998.
- ✠ On February 10, 1992, the Knights of Columbus Council #10809 received its charter.
- ✠ In 1995, an elevator was installed to make all levels of the Church accessible.
- ✠ In 1997, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary as a Parish. Father Lafleur was the Pastor at the time.
- ✠ In July 1999 Fr. Lemire was appointed Pastor.
- ✠ In September 2000, Denise DeBernardi was hired as a part-time Pastoral Associate. She retired in June 2007.
- ✠ In January 2000, renovations were made to the rectory.
- ✠ On May 18, 2000, a special Mass and reception was held to honour Canon Jones' 60th Anniversary of Ordination.
- ✠ On November 19, 2000, new stain glass windows were unveiled and dedicated in thanksgiving of Canon Jones for his years of priestly ministry.
- ✠ In the summer of 2002, repairs and renovations to the Parish roof were done.
- ✠ In the summer of 2004, replacement of original windows in the Parish Hall as well as major renovations in the hall. Air conditioning in the Church was installed.
- ✠ In the winter of 2006, major renovations were done to the Parish Kitchen.
- ✠ During the year 2007, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a variety of activities including a new Parish Memory Book, Parish Picnic, High Tea, an Open House and a Gala Dinner.

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 its efforts to reach out to inactive, registered families in the Parish and families at ECCS.
- ★ **OUTREACH** - To improve its efforts at the evangelizing of inactive, alienated or hurting members of the community.
- ★ **WORSHIP** - To increase the number of parishioners participating in the liturgical life of the Parish.
- ★ **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.

PARISH WEBSITE

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

