

# The Parish Connection

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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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January 2012

Regular Sunday Mass times: *Saturday* 5:00 p.m., *Sundays*: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 pm

### Dates to Watch

- **January 8**– Youth Dinner
- **January 11**– FKK Grade 1 School Mass 9:00am
- **January 16**– Registration meeting for Confirmation, 7:00pm. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate
- **January 18**– OLPH Grade 7 School Mass 9:30am
- **January 22**– Youth Dinner and Visit to St. Joseph's Seminary
- **January 30**–Confirmation meeting for parents with David Wells, 6:30pm.
- **January 30**– First Communion Retreat, 6:30pm.
- **February 8**–St. Theresa/OLPH Grade 6 School Mass 9:30am
- **February 12th**—Youth Dinner
- **February 15**– FKK Grade 3 School Mass 9:00am
- **February 22**–Ash Wednesday Mass at Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School 9:15am
- **February 22**–Ash Wednesday Mass, schools in attendance 12:00pm
- **February 26**–Jean Vanier school Mass, 10:30am
- **February 26**– Youth Mass and Dinner with Archbishop Smith.

### **Parish Variety Night January 27th 7 - 9p.m.**

#### **In the Parish Hall**

Do you sing, dance, play an instrument?  
This is your opportunity to come and share our talents with the Parish at the annual Variety Night an evening of great entertainment, fun and community.

If you are interested in participating give Sharon a call at the Parish Office for more info and to book a spot.

What better way to shake away those winter blues!  
Time to start thinking about preparing for this event.

Please note that beginning in 2012 the Parish Connection will only be mailed out five times per year....January, April, June, September and December. An electronic copy of the Parish Connection will be available on your child's school website and on the parish website [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

### Sacrament Information

#### **Reconciliation and First Communion 2011-2012**

\*\*\*To Parents of Children in Grade Two and Older who will be preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion in the 2011-2012 year\*\*\*

#### **Celebration of First Reconciliation**

Congratulations to all those who celebrated First Reconciliation on November 19, 2011.

If you missed this opportunity please contact Monna at the Parish Office, 780-467-5470.

#### **First Communion Retreat**

Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:30pm.

### **CONFIRMATION 2012**

\*\*\*To Parents of Children Grade Six and Older who will be preparing for Confirmation in 2012\*\*\*

Please mark your calendars now. **Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:00pm** is the orientation and registration meeting. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Monday, January 30 at 6:30 is a parents' meeting with David Wells. David comes to us from England. He is a world renowned catechist, religious educator and popular presenter at universities, school boards and conferences. We are truly blessed to have him coming to OLPH. These are two different gatherings and your participation at both is expected.

You will be asked to choose either the Sunday or Tuesday option for parent/child sessions. These will be permanent groups. The Sunday sessions begin with 10:30 Mass on Feb. 19, March 4 and 11th and finish around 1pm. The Tuesday sessions begin with the 6:45 Mass on Feb. 21, March 13 and 20th and finish around 9:00pm.

**Confirmation, itself, will be celebrated on Sunday, April 22nd and again the 29th** for those who after completing this journey discern they are ready. Please contact Bonnie at the parish office for more information at (780) 467-5470 or [bkirk@olph.ca](mailto:bkirk@olph.ca)

#### **Families considering confirmation this year**

Have you consider whom you will ask to accompany your child as a confirmation sponsor.?

Beyond the obvious—looking for an actively practicing Catholic, who is fully initiated, and at least 16 years of age, please consider his or her availability. Please point out when asking them that we **strongly encourage** them to accompany you to the orientation meeting Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> and the parents' meeting/ workshop with David Wells January 30<sup>th</sup> as well as the preparation sessions. ***They would need to be available for the day-long retreat Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>*** as well as the actual celebration.

### RCIA and You

Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? You are welcome to participate in the RCIA process. For more information please contact Bonnie at the Parish office 780-467-5470 or [bkirk@olph.ca](mailto:bkirk@olph.ca)

Is your school age child home-schooled or enrolled in one of our public schools? If so please contact Bonnie Kirk at 780-467-5470 or [bkirk@olph.ca](mailto:bkirk@olph.ca) to receive the Religious Studies Home Program.

## OLPH Parish Youth News



**All Youth Grades 5-12 are invited to meet downstairs two Sundays a month following the 5:00pm Mass for dinner and activities.**

Youth come together to have fun and share their faith. Youth will break up into 2 groups.

EDGE for Gr. 5-7 and LIFETEEN for Gr. 8-12.

Core leaders lead teens through prayer, reflections and discussions on life issues facing teens in today's world and how we face those issues as a faith filled people.

Watch for other events on other evenings, Sunday afternoons and weekends, Such as coffee nights ( for senior youth), movies nights, trips, retreats and more.

### A QUICK LOOK AT 'WHATS HAPPENING'

#### January 8th-Youth Dinner

- ◆ All youth are invited to come out for a meal that is sponsored by Parishioners, or group in the Parish.
- ◆ Parents please pick youth up at 8:30p.m. at the back of the Parish Hall doors.
- ◆ Activities TBA
- ◆ Watch the January bulletin

#### January 22nd- Youth Dinner and Visit to the St Seminary

- ◆ All youth come join us for dinner
- ◆ Following dinner, youth will be taking a bus to the Seminary for a tour.
- ◆ This tour is for youth only. Our CORE members are attending so we do not require parent participation.
- ◆ Limited number on the bus so please register by Jan 8th

### New Events to watch for in the New Year!

#### Get Fit

Watch for circuit training Friday nights for core and youth grades 7 and up  
Dates, cost and times TBA

#### Senior Youth

January is exam time!  
Come out and study in a relaxed atmosphere with teachers here to assist or just chat.  
Coffee will be available.  
Don't let Jan be a stressful time.



Please contact Sharon Darbyshire, OLPH Youth Coordinator for any information or registrations. I can be reached at OLPH Parish, 780 467-5470 or e-mail me at [sdarbyshire@olph.ca](mailto:sdarbyshire@olph.ca)

### Parents in Prayer for January

Start the NewYear out on the right foot – a holy foot! Please join the *Parents in Prayer* group at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. We will pray for the needs and protection of our school children, staff and families. All are welcome to join us for this time of faith and fellowship. Call Sharon W. at 780-922-3012 for prayer requests or more information.

### **Sponsors Needed for Youth Dinners**

We are still very short of sponsors for the upcoming youth dinners. Would you or your group be able to sponsor a night? Please contact Sharon Darbyshire at the Parish office at 780-467-5470 for more information.

If you would prefer to receive the parish Connection by email please notify Raylene at [ryuzyk@olph.ca](mailto:ryuzyk@olph.ca)  
The information in the Parish Connection can also be found on our Parish website  
[www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca) under Sacrament information and Bulletins.