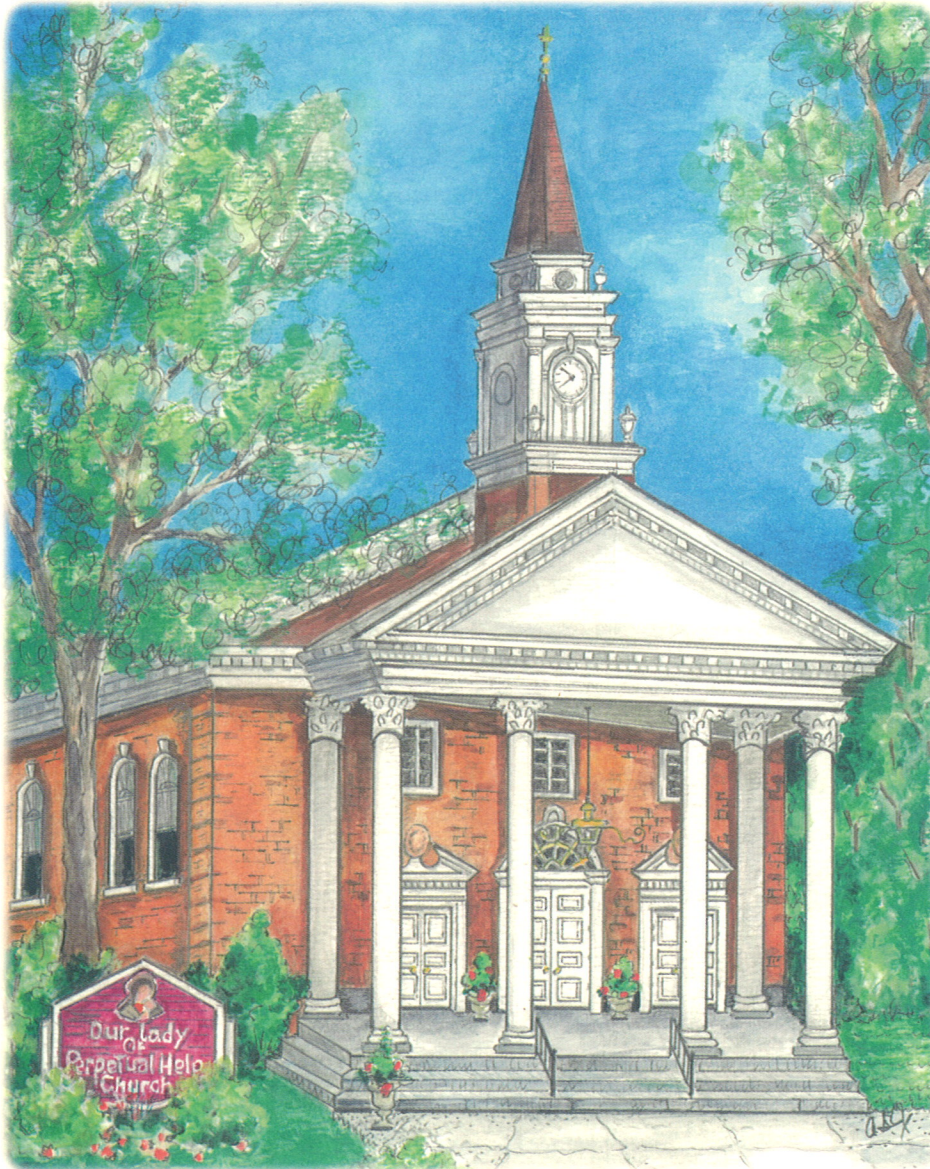
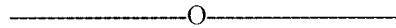


The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish



Glenview, Illinois  
1907- 2007

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of  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
PARISH



CONCELEBRATED MASS  
of  
CELEBRATION

3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July Fifteenth  
Two Thousand and Seven

Principal Celebrant:  
His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago

Concelebrants:  
Reverend John E. Flavin, Pastor  
Reverend John M. Thinnes, Associate  
Reverend Paddy Tyrrell, SJ, Associate  
Reverend Mark J. Duran, Associate

Reception Immediately Following Mass

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help The First One Hundred Years

In this our centennial year, we pause to reflect on the past and look to the future with great faith and encouragement. The strength of our parish has always been based on the quality of our members and leaders who have shown great vision, tenacity and willingness to give time and talent again and again to achieve our goals.

In 1906, at the request of eighteen Catholic families living in the small village of Glenview, Father Nedstraeter (the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Wilmette) agreed to build a mission church in Glenview. He purchased 100 feet of property at what is now the corner of Church and Grove Streets from Mrs. William Hutchings. Until the church was completed, a Lutheran gentleman, John Dilg, Sr., donated the use of the hall on the top floor of his hotel (the Glenview House) for Sunday Masses.

The new church was dedicated on November 1, 1907. It was a modest red pressed brick building seating ninety people. Father Edward J. Vattmann, an Army Major at Fort Sheridan and a leading Wilmette personality, provided the church with a picture from Rome depicting Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) and named the church in her honor. The church remained a mission of St. Joseph's Parish until October 1919, when it was established as a permanent parish.

The Archbishop of Chicago, George W. Mundelein, called upon Father Martin C. Schmidt to serve as the first pastor. With Chicago not yet developed, Glenview was considered a "country parish" in 1919. When Father Schmidt received his appointment, he asked where Glenview was located. As legend has it, the Archbishop responded, "I don't know. You'll have to look it up."

Father Schmidt purchased 200 more feet of property on Church Street for the purpose of building a parish school.



Additional land east of the church property was donated by parishioner Herman Rau. But, according to Father Schmidt's notes, "All this land up to Glenview Road was fifteen feet below street level. Every time a heavy rain came, there was a small lake." Progress demanded that the meandering Chicago River be straightened and the land filled in. With the help of the Village of Glenview, Father Schmidt moved the river and raised the land to accommodate his growing parish.

## Navigating the Great Depression

In the spring of 1929, Father Schmidt held a ground breaking ceremony to start work on the parish school. A red brick building with four classrooms and a 500 seat auditorium was constructed on Church Street, just south of the Church. The Sisters of Charity of Mallinckrodt opened the parish school to 118 students in September 1929. A month later, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began to grip the country.

The impact of the Great Depression on the Parish and School was devastating. The parish was forced to borrow money to meet interest payments

to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company which held the \$90,000 mortgage. Father Schmidt was also burdened by a special tax assessment of \$10,000 to pay for "intensive improvements" of sewers and streets in Glenview. At the ceremony to lay the church/school cornerstone, Archbishop Mundelein sympathized with the troubled parish priest. Circling the outside of the school building with Father Schmidt, the Archbishop acknowledged, "I suppose you have it hard scratching (up the money)." Ultimately, the debt overwhelmed Father Schmidt, and he resigned from the parish in December 1931.

The financial instability of the OLPH Parish in the early years of the Depression was accompanied, and perhaps exacerbated, by multiple changes in the parish leadership. In late 1931, Father Joseph J. Rengel was named pastor, followed by Father Clifford J. Schroeder in 1933. In 1934 Father William Casey was appointed pastor but was prevented by illness from actually taking up his duties. Adding to these changes, the School Sisters of St. Francis from Milwaukee replaced the Sisters of Charity at the parish school in 1932.

By the time Cardinal Mundelein named Father John J. Dussman pastor of OLPH on June 1, 1934, the debt had grown to nearly \$150,000. Taking up residence in a trailer park at Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues, Father Dussman conducted parish business from a little Ford Roadster parked in front of the church. His first priority was to eliminate the debt.

## The Dussman Era

Within ten years, Father Dussman not only eliminated the parish debt, but also raised funds to begin a pro-

gram of expansion. In 1945, a \$200,000 school was erected, the convent capacity doubled, and all of the buildings were renovated to conform to the Georgian Colonial style.

Father Dussman's affinity for early American architecture was not without reason. The colonial design was chosen to serve as a powerful symbol of the patriots' hard won religious freedom. It was Father Dussman's hope that the buildings would evoke a sense of history and inspire future generations.

After World War II, Glenview's population and the Catholic community increased. A larger church was required. In spring of 1949, ground was broken at the corner of Church and Grove Streets for construction of an expansive church. Meanwhile, a residence for priests was built across Grove Street, along with additions to the school and convent. When Samuel Cardinal Stritch arrived to dedicate the new parish buildings in 1953, a squadron from Glenview Naval Air Station flew over the church "in cross formation".

Father Dussman created a parish to serve young and old alike. For the elderly and infirm, the parish opened two non-profit homes for the aged: Maryhaven of Wilmette in 1947, which has since closed, and Maryhaven of Glenview in 1962. For Glenview's youth, the Playdium on the south end of the parish property was constructed in 1955. Aside from five new classrooms, the building contains a roller skating rink which doubles as a gym, a swimming pool, lounge, and dance room.

A tremendous linguist and sparkling orator, Father Dussman obtained authorization from Cardinal Mundelein to preach in Chicago parishes in return for their financial support. Ordained only seven years, the 33 year old priest also conducted missions and retreats

throughout the archdiocese and the United States to raise money for OLPH.

In 1939, Father Dussman conceived the wildly successful "Personality Home" raffles which involved the lottery of professionally decorated and fully furnished single family homes in Glenview. Hoping to win prize money by selling the winning ticket, parishioners peddled raffle tickets well beyond the village limits. In fact, tickets for the widely advertised "Personality Homes" could be purchased from a parish booth at University of Notre Dame football games. Some attributed Glenview's subsequent growth in part to the many Chicagoans who were drawn to the village after touring one of the parish's model homes.

About the same time, Father Dussman began the first regularly scheduled Catholic radio program in Chicago. Called "The Ave Maria Hour of Mindfulness of Others." The program was aimed at shut-ins and reflected Father Dussman's lifelong concern for the physically weak and dependent.

#### The McDonnell Years

In September 1960, the Playdium served as a campaign whistle stop for U.S. presidential hopeful John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Although Kennedy's appearance attracted an estimated crowd of 8,000, Father Dussman declined the opportunity to give the invocation because he did not support the candidate's politics. An amused observer claimed he spotted the pastor peeking through an open door in the Playdium that night anyway.

After 36 years of building Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, ill health forced Fr. Dussman to retire. In 1971, he was honored as both pastor emeritus and "Man of the Year" in Glenview. Father Dussman died in November 1978 at the age of 77.

John Cardinal Cody named Father Myles P. McDonnell pastor of OLPH parish in 1971. From the beginning, the affable Irish priest's style of "shared ministry" was notably different from his predecessor's.

If Father Dussman was the parish's premier orator, then Father McDonnell was its most engaging storyteller. Father McDonnell was equally adept at teaching members how to reach out to those beyond parish boundaries.

With the new pastor's encouragement, parishioners established a Blood Donor Program which was so successful at the parish level that it was ultimately administered throughout Glenview.

In 1979, Father McDonnell initiated Renew, a three year parish-wide program of spiritual growth. Renew inspired the inception of numerous outreach programs serving the needs of the less fortunate, including the Sharing Parish Program. An active Parish Sharing Committee worked at sorting and packing clothing and food, bringing frozen meals to a temporary shelter, and donating funds to four needy parishes.

Father McDonnell received the "Martin Luther King Freedom Award" from Coretta Scott King in 1985.

Father McDonnell's sense of fun drew children of the parish to him on the school's playground and at the annual junior high Roundball Tournament which began in the mid-seventies. A new preschool program increased student population. During that time, Father McDonnell also initiated the parish's first school board.

Father McDonnell was named pastor emeritus and retired in July 1989 after an 18 year tenure. He died in September, 1990 at the age of 71.

## The Parish Today

Prior to his tenure at O.L.P.H., Reverend John E. Flavin studied theology at the North American College in Rome and was ordained there. He went on to receive his Sacred Theology Licentiate at Gregorian University. Early in his career, he was the Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Grace, teacher at Quigley Seminary and served as a founding member of ACP (Association of Chicago Priests). Continuing his service, Reverend Flavin was the director of the Chicago Office of Goal Setting, President of the Priests' Senate, and a Founding and Committee Member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. He also was Director of the Archdiocesan Office for Evaluation of Priests and the distinguished Quigley Alumnus of the Year Award winner in 2005.

Early in his ministry, Reverend Flavin served as Pastor of St. Sebastian's in Wrigleyville. During his time there, an empty convent was turned into Bonaventure House, a residence for those suffering from Aids.

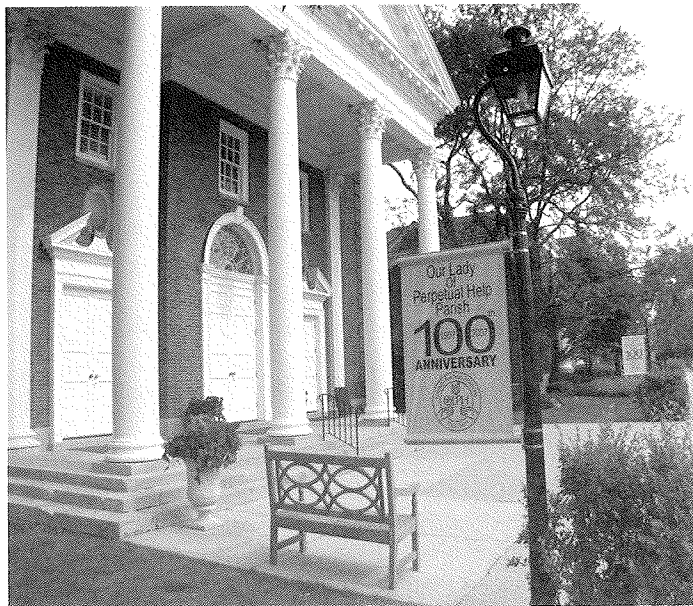
In 1989, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin appointed Reverend Flavin Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Reverend Flavin carried on the work of his predecessors by building for the future of the parish and supporting its many wide and varied ministries, including the very successful Women's Club, Men's Club and Parish Council.

The Flavin Legacy Society, an endowment program, for the benefit of ensuring the future of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School was established in 1992.

Father Flavin's friendly and sensitive nature has been a blessing to all of his flock. He is dedicated to the children at the school and in the religious education program. He ministers to the elderly and the infirm. He is ever visi-

ble throughout the parish offering encouragement, thanks and support. You'll see his colorful sweaters around town on his daily rounds.

Under Reverend Flavin's watch numerous facility projects were accomplished. These include second story classroom additions, construction of the multi-purpose LaFayette building, and to the delight of all the parishioners, air conditioning of the church. During March 2003, a disaster was narrowly avoided. The church was saved from an untimely fire, through the fast action of an early morning riser, Sister Paulanne Held. She alerted the fire department and their swift response prevented serious



damage to the entire structure. Although three pews were burned, and smoke and soot spread throughout the Church, an interior cleanup and repainting was finished in time for Easter services.

Today, one hundred years after the original eighteen founding families, the O.L.P. H. congregation numbers over 3,700 families, who not only support the parish, but go beyond their community to help support four inner-city parishes. The Sharing program collects and distributes tens of thousands of items each year to the needy in the Chicagoland area. Clothing, food, and furniture are sorted,

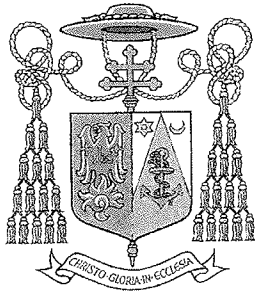
packed and delivered several times a week, every week!

Through the inspiration and determination of one special woman, Sister Paulanne's "Needy Family Fund" renders financial support on a very local level. Whether it is a subsidy for clothing, food vouchers or rent during times of temporary crisis the needs are filled. This confidential assistance is extended for unemployment, illness, or any other extraordinary situation, as the need arises, when communicated to the parish offices.

The parish and school have continued to thrive under the leadership of Pastor John E. Flavin and his dynamic staff. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, one of the largest in the Archdiocese, serves over 1,000 students from preschool to eighth grade. It has been guided by excellent administration and accomplished staff. The school is still influenced by a small contingent of School Sisters of St. Francis. In addition, the parish religious education program, also serving over 1000 students, provides a strong religious curriculum to students attending public schools. Both the school and the religious education program have a reputation for excellence throughout the Diocese and North Shore Community.

Once again the parish will be blessed with continued dynamic leadership, when upon Reverend Flavin's retirement in early fall of 2007, Reverend Thomas Hickey will be installed as pastor. Reverend Hickey will lead Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish into the next 100 years of loving, sharing, and praying together.

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OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

July 2007

Dear Father Flavin and Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish:

Congratulations as you celebrate your centennial – 100 years of making the presence of Christ visible in the Village of Glenview. During this historic year, we are united in giving praise and thanks to God who, generation after generation, inspires every good work, helps His people to grow in holiness and builds up His Church. For a century, your parish has gathered people together around Christ by the celebration of Mass, the sacraments and other liturgies, through an excellent Catholic school and programs of religious education and faith formation, and by outreach, near and far, to your brothers and sisters in Christ. As your Archbishop, I am deeply grateful for your life of faith.

No matter how abundant its resources or numerous its members, a parish can only exist for a century if the relationships that unite parishioners to one another and to those entrusted with pastoring them have been healthy and strong. This is true at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and I would particularly like to thank your attentive and dedicated pastor, Father John Flavin, and the priests, deacons, School Sisters of Saint Francis and lay staff members who cooperate in caring for your large and very active parish. The generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure by current and former members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help brings confidence to the present moment and hope for the years ahead. May the prayers that are offered, the memories that are handed on and the ideas that are shared during your centennial celebrations invite others to give their lives to the Lord in His Church.

As you build upon their faith and generosity of those who went before you, and as you continue to do the Lord's work in your community, I promise you my prayers and count on the continuing support of yours. May God bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

JULY, 2007

Dear Parishioners,

Loving, Sharing, Praying Together--OLPH--for 100 years.  
This has been a wonderful Parish.

In 1907 some 18 families asked St. Joseph's Parish in Grosse Point to send a young priest to say Mass for them in Glenview. The first Mass was celebrated in the Glenview House. In the fall of 1907 a small red brick Church was built on the Corner of Church and Grove Streets. The Church was built by parishioners and our parishioners have continued and continued to build a wonderful faith community. In 1915 the little Church was named "Our Lady of Perpetual Help".

In 1919 Cardinal Mundelein appointed Fr. Martin Schmidt the first Pastor of the Parish. He built a School - much of Lexington and the Convent. In 1932 the School Sisters of St. Francis were invited to come and teach in the School. What a wonderful gift these Sisters have been to the School and the entire Parish. Cardinal Mundelein also appointed Fr. John Dussman Pastor in 1934. He remained Pastor until 1971. He built our beautiful Church and many, many other buildings. When Cardinal Stritch drove by and saw the Playdium being built-and of course Fr. Dussman never told the Diocese about building buildings - the Cardinal came to the Rectory and asked Fr. Dussman about it and Fr. Dussman told him the Playdium was part of Maryhaven Incorporated. Huh? Fr. Dussman was a wonderful gift to the Parish.

Cardinal Cody appointed Fr. Myles McDonnell as the new Pastor in 1971. Fr. Myles was Pastor until 1989. He did a wonderful job of enriching the Parish spiritually - Renew and other programs. Also he inspired the parishioners, the Religious Sisters, and the Priest s- by his wonderful ministry and commitment to the priesthood.

I have much appreciated my 18 years here. I am most impressed by our parishioners, our ministries - the Women's Club, the Men's Club, our Sharing Committee and Ministry, our School, our Religious Education Program, our Liturgy, Phoenix, Good Timers, Ministry of Care, Parish Council, the Finance Committee and the many, many other ministries and Organizations - a wonderful Parish.

We ask God to continue to bless this Parish with His Grace and continue to call us to well live and proclaim the message of his Son, Jesus Christ,

God Bless!

Fr. John Flavin

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Organ and Flute Selections

### The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising, We worship you today  
And sing the love amazing That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder At every gift you send,  
At blessings without number And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you And wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, Our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 2 ( Choir )

Then hear, O gracious Savior, Accept the love we bring,  
That we know your favor May serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty Our sacrifice of praise.

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Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

Gloria

### The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy  
30: 10-14

Kay Feeley

Psalm Response

Psalm 19

David Haas

Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

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Dana Hayes

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians  
1: 15-20

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  
10: 25-37

Deacon James Revord

Homily

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



Profession of Faith

General Intercessions

Representatives of:  
OLPH School, Religious Education,  
Spred, Youth Group, Young Adults

Response: Accept our prayers, O Lord

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in the dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and the lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

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Gift Bearers

School Sisters of Saint Francis

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface Acclamation

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Chant

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

We Give you Thanks

David Haas

Communion Hymn

Sung by Combined Choirs

For the bread and wine we share here, for the  
friends that we embrace, for the peace we find in  
healing, for all who gather in this place,  
for the faith of those around us, for the  
dead and those here, for the hope we find in  
mem'ry, for the love that draws us near:

For the movement deep within us, for the  
stories that we bring, for the signs of God's com-  
passion, for the journey that we sing,  
for the Word that holds our promise, for the  
gifts that we claim, for the wonders that sur-  
round us, for the song that sings our name:

For the water bringing new life, for the  
fragrance of release, for the fire that blazes  
forward, for the call to bring forth peace,  
for the blindness now enlightened, for the  
bound that are now free, for the brightness of your  
new day, for the kingdom will be:

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Communion Music

Ave Vernum

W. A. Mozart,  
Choir

Post Communion Prayer

The Closing Rite

Pastor's Remarks

Reverend John E. Flavin

Solemn Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy sceptre' claim, All in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One, Undivided God we' claim thee;  
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

Postlude

Psalm 18

Marcello  
Brass & Organ

Concelebrants

REV. ROBERT BEAVEN  
REV. THOMAS A. BISHOP  
REV. ROBERT BORRE'  
REV. PETER BRESLIN SJ  
REV. DAVID P. DOWDLE  
REV. LAWRENCE DURIS  
REV. MATTHEW GAMBER SJ  
REV. JOHN GRIFFITHS  
REV. THOMAS HOFFMAN  
REV. JEROME JACOB  
REV. RICHARD JAKUBIK

REV. FRANCIS JENKS  
REV. STEVEN LANZA  
REV. EDWARD McKENNA  
REV. EDWARD McLAUGHLIN  
REV. MICHAEL PFLEGER  
REV. MARC RESZEL  
REV. LAWRENCE REUTER SJ  
REV. KENNETH SIMPSON  
REV. DANIEL SULLIVAN  
REV. ALEC WOLFF, ORAT.

Participants

Deacon James Revord

Choir:

Members of the Adult Choir  
The Adult Ensemble

Cantors:

Mickey Barg  
Regina Kilroy

Music:

Ken Bartosz  
John Kula  
Karen Dessent – Flute  
Royal Trumpet Works  
Mary Anne Sedivy – Organist, Music Director

## Grateful Acknowledgements

Today is truly a milestone in the life of our parish community. We give thanks to the Lord for the blessings bestowed upon this parish for the past one hundred years. Our Lady of Perpetual Help has an exceptional tradition of commitment to meeting the needs of all in our congregation and for finding ways to reach out to the community at large.

We look back with respect and appreciation for all parishioners who have sacrificed and contributed to make this parish what you see today. We have truly reaped the benefits of our forebears' dreams and labors. We acknowledge the gifts of time and talent given by so many throughout the years to make our faith community what it is today. We are grateful for the efforts of the priests and religious who have helped us utilize the talents that God has given to each of us for the benefit of all of us.

The One Hundredth Anniversary celebration would not be possible without the generous gifts of time, talent, monetary contributions and effort. It has been a labor of love by so many, of gifts large and small, all given from the heart. We would especially like to thank:

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Jim and Pat Revord  
Phil St. Aubin  
Lynn and George Schwabe  
Mary Anne Sedivy  
Ben Tchaou  
Liz and Lowell Wallace  
Margaret Walsh  
Men's Club  
Women's Club

As we look back today in reflection, may each of us take all of the good from our cherished past and go forward to use our individual talents with renewed dedication. May we make tomorrow even better for the future generations that fill the pews at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The tradition continues . . .

Beth Ford O'Grady, Chairperson  
Mary Fran Dolan, Co- Chairperson