

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH ✕ PASTORAL REPORT: JUNE 17, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

I am pleased to present to you the following Pastoral Report, which runs from my arrival on June 17, 2024 to the close of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year on June 30, 2025. During this time period, with your encouragement and financial support, *in addition to the daily running of Parish activities*, we were able to complete many projects and upgrades, many of which are listed below. And we're just getting started! Future events and projects are also listed. With the continual sharing of your time, talent, and treasure, together we can continue to make our Parish a place to truly encounter Christ in Word, Sacrament, Service, Charity, and in the living out of the Gospel in our lives. May God continue to bless you, and may Our Lady of Perpetual Help protect and pray for us.

Fr. Brandon M. Artman, Pastor

Church

- General maintenance/upkeep performed
- New signage: Cry Room/Sacristy/Confessionals
- Photo of Archbishop hung next to Pope's in Sacristy
- Dorm-style fridge (wine and low-gluten host storage) installed in Sacristy
- New Restroom flooring installed [anonymous donor]
- Stains removed from Cry Room carpeting
- Reorganization/training of Sacristans and Servers
- Replacement water cooler for Choir Loft
- Curtains installed in Sacristy and Cry Room [aesthetic]
- Liturgical/ritual book replacement (*ongoing*) [donations]
- Purple cope donated for Stations of the Cross, etc.
- Confessionals painted
- Christmas Creche figurines repaired & paint touched-up
- New radiators installed in Sacristy (*replace inoperative ones*)
- New liturgical binders purchased for Mass [donations]
- Sacristy "flower room" reorganized; floor stripped/waxed
- New vacuum cleaners purchased for Church
- Sanctuary kneelers re-upholstered, matching sanctuary seating installed, matching accent carpet in sanctuary
- New Church audio system installed

Chapel

- General maintenance, incl. air conditioning unit repair
- Chapel Eucharistic Adoration hours expanded, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Daily, 7 days a week
- Add'l outside security lighting installed behind Chapel
- Chapel light fixtures cleaned
- New vacuum cleaner purchased for Chapel
- Chapel vestibule painted
- Wall behind crucifix repaired & repainted
- Pews repadded, recovered, and cleaned [bequest]
- Chapel walls painted
- New carpet installed in Chapel

Rectory / Rectory Meeting Room

- General maintenance/upkeep/painting performed
- Pastor's rooms: new carpets installed (replacing majorly-soiled carpets); walls repainted
- Worn foyer and atrium area rugs replaced
- Rectory Basement Meeting Room: floors refinished, walls repainted, like-new furniture donated; crucifix donated to OLPH from Cathedral
- Additional security lighting added behind Rectory
- Damaged flashing replaced on Rectory façade
- Removal of broken sidewalk in front of Rectory garage

OLA School / Parish Hall (Gym)

- General maintenance/upkeep/painting performed
- Floor buffing machine repaired
- Lights in Parish Hall (Gym) upgraded to LED
- Installation of security doors: lobby to classroom areas
- Parish Hall (Gym) floor: major cleaning/restoration
- Deep cleaning of Parish Hall (Gym), incl. restrooms
- Re-keyed Parish cabinet in Parish Hall kitchen (*security*)
- School professional major deep-clean
- **Flood of first floor of school (5/16/25)**
- School maintenance to be completed by Parish going forward
- Summer maintenance – entire school (in progress as of 6/30/25)

Convent

- General maintenance/upkeep/painting performed
- Replacement of refrigerator's broken ice machine
- Replace broken railing at rear steps: brought up to code
- Replace broken washing machine
- Railings installed on Convent front steps
- Install new flooring and toilet in 1st floor powder room
- Install new dehumidifier in basement

K House (Green House)

- General maintenance/upkeep/painting performed
- Replacement of rotted-out back steps – brought to code
- New *adult sized* restroom sink installed; restroom painted
- New hot water heater installed to replace broken one
- Sod/grass replaced between K House & eastern neighbor

General Campus Maintenance / Upkeep / Improvements

- Throughout Property: trees & bushes trimmed (*ongoing*); dead trees removed [safety issue]; new mulch
- Re-planting of Bell Garden by Youth Group
- Replacement of bollard lights outside Church and Chapel for better lighting/security
- New weatherproof benches installed outside Church, Chapel, and School (*ongoing*) [memorial donations]
- Resealing/restriping of parking lot [preventative maintenance]; maintenance schedule set-up
- Major cleaning of "high" areas around campus using lift rented for Gym Lighting project
- Power-washing of campus buildings/walkways
- Replacement of fence around drainage pit [labor donated]
- Safety reflective tape installed on Amosland Ave. gate
- Bell Garden wall repaired
- New mulch/sod/seeding around rectory, church, school
- Campus landscaping to be completed "in-house" going forward, assisted by Gorgeous Grounds Landscaping

Worship / Parish Activities / Organizations / Staff Updates

- Fr. Brandon Artman assigned Parochial Administrator (6/17/24)
- Parishioner/Welcome Reception for Fr. Artman (6/22/24 & 6/23/24) (KOC & Hospitality Committee)
- Dcn. Kevin Harrington assigned Permanent Dcn. (8/5/24)
- Bulletin cover and content updated
- Parish Website & Facebook Page updated/refreshed
- Novena booklets retyped/refreshed
- Funeral and Wedding Planning Books/Packets revised
- Individual meetings with Fr. Artman and heads of all Parish ministries/organizations (June-July-August, 2025)
- Initial joint meeting of Parish and Finance Councils (8/22/24); bi-monthly meetings for each Council
- That Man Is You (TMIY) Men's Program initiated (Sat. mornings, beginning 9/21/24); ~20-30 weekly
- Mass with Archbishop Pérez and Reception (9/22/24): Presentation of Papal Honors to Msgr. Savinski (Mass attendance: 408)
- Parish Picnic (9/29/24): from 2023...3x more people, added additional food, face painting, and DJ
- Blessing of Animals (10/6/24): 61 animals, 150+ people
- Anointing of Sick Mass & Reception (10/12/24): 47 attend
- Marian Tea (10/13/24): attendance: 33
- Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (10/20-22/24): last Forty Hours was in 2019; addition of Procession & Cider Social on last night (attend. each night: 78, 100, and 153)
- Mass of Remembrance & grief presentation (11/3/24): 208 @ Mass; 20 @ presentation (Bereavement Ministry)
- Confirmation Mass (11/9/24): 35 Confirmandi
- Blessing of Prayer Shawls & Knitters (11/10/24)
- Thanksgiving Day Mass (11/28/24): addition of blessing & distribution of 150+ small loaves of bread made by Youth Group (attendance: 186)
- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (12/8/2024) (attendance: *better than last year!*)
- Banners on property – advertise Christmas Mass times; invitation to return to Mass
- Christmas postcards sent to all active and inactive families from Fr. Artman
- Advent Penance Service (12/23/24)
- Christmas Masses Total Attendance: 1,102
- Father Thomas Pohto, OSA concluded sacramental assistance at OLPH - age and health concerns (12/25/24)

Future Parish Events

- Fr. Artman Installation Mass (Pastor) – September 21, 2025 at Noon, followed by Reception
- Volunteer Luncheon
- Funeral Planning Workshop
- Meeting/Training for Lectors
- Workshop on Marriage Convalidations
- Possible arrange for *Parish* Pre-Cana Program
- Retreat for Parish Ministries and Volunteers
- Opportunities for Young Adults to gather

- Archbishop Pérez issues Pastoral Letter (1/5/25)
- Helene O'Dea (Parish Secretary) retired (1/21/25)
- Lisa Bucholski began work as Parish Secretary, while remaining Youth Minister (1/21/25)
- Bulletin creation taken over by Fr. Artman (January, 2025)
- Fr. William Lange assigned as Resident Priest at OLPH temporarily – assists with Masses (1/21/25)
- Organization Meeting for Altar Servers (1/26/25; training and scheduling February, 2025)
- Usher Ministry (Organizational Meeting 1/27/25; Usher Ministry restored & resumption of offertory collection at Mass 3/1/25)
- Meeting/Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (1/28/25)
- TMIY Spring Sessions Feb. 1 – Apr. 26, 2025 (13 sessions)
- First Penance (2/10/25)
- Social Media/Phone Presentation for parents (2/25/25)
- Parish Consultation Sessions based on Archbishop Pérez's Pastoral Letter (2/27/25 and 3/4/25)
- Pre-Ash Wednesday Palm Burning Service (3/3/25)
- Alan Ames – Healing Mass/Confessions/Talk (3/20/25) (attendance: ~300)
- Banners on property – advertise/invite to Easter Mass
- Palm Sunday (4/13/25) attendance: 775
- Lenten Penance Service (4/14/25)
- Easter Egg Hunt (4/19/25) (attendance: 100+ children)
- Easter Vigil – 3 Baptized/Confirmed/First Holy Communion / 1 Full Communion on 4/27/25
- Easter Masses Total Attendance (4/19 & 20/25): 1094
- Campus Visit by Regional Dean (4/24/25)
- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (4/27/25)
- Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions (4/27/25) – 70+ attended
- Mass - Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis (4/28/25) – attendance: 75
- First Holy Communion (5/3/25): 42 First Communicants
- Parish May Procession (5/4/25, following Noon Mass) *changed to indoors because of weather*
- Fr. William Lange reassigned (5/10/25)
- Mass – Election of Pope Leo (5/13/25) – attendance: 80
- Fr. Brandon Artman officially named Pastor (6/16/25)
- Msgr. Patrick Sweeney assigned as Resident Priest (retired) (6/16/25)
- Corpus Christi Procession after Noon Mass (6/22/25) – *cancelled due to extreme temperatures*

Future Parish Projects

- Church Roof Replacement (*to begin in July*)
- Refreshing of Church Sanctuary (*begun; ongoing*)
- Re-keying of Parish closet in School (security)
- K House: clean-out/refurbishment/updates
- Clean-out/organization of Rectory Mtg. Rm. cabinets
- Expansion of Youth Ministry
- Expansion of Bereavement Ministry
- Steam-cleaning of Church carpets
- Refinishing of Church pews

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Parish Sacramental Information

(6/17/24 – 12/31/24):

Baptisms: 18	Weddings: 2	Anointings: 75 <i>(includes Anointing Mass)</i>	Funerals: 28	Confirmations: 35
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1/1/25 – 6/30/25:

Baptisms: 29 <i>(includes Easter Vigil)</i>	Weddings: 2	Anointings: 39	Funerals: 18	Confirmations: 4 <i>(Easter Vigil)</i>
First Holy Communions: 46 <i>(includes Easter Vigil)</i>				

Parish Collection and Attendance Information

6/27/24 – 12/31/24:

Daily Mass Attendance (average): 60-65

Weekend Mass Attendance (average): 548

Weekend Collection 6/17/24 to 12/31/24 (average): \$ 12,383 *(excludes Christmas)*

Christmas 2024 Final Collection Total: \$ 40,884 // Attendance: 1,102

Christmas 2023 Final Collection Total: \$ 28,017 // Attendance: 1,073

New Families Registered: 24

1/1/25 – 6/30/25:

Daily Mass Attendance (average) 70-80

Weekend Mass Attendance (average): 634

Weekend Collection 2025 to date (average): \$ 13,422.62 *(excludes Easter)*

Easter 2025 final Collection Total: \$ 21,796* // Attendance: 1,094 * *financial insecurity due to global tariffs imposed*

Easter 2024 Final Collection Total: \$ 31,311 // Attendance: 1,033

New Families Registered: 18