

Parish Pastoral Plan



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Morton, PA

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**PARISH PASTORAL PLAN
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
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Goal: A WORSHIPING PARISH (Worship)

Objective:

To bring Our Lady of Perpetual Help family into a deeper and ongoing conversion through a fuller realization and appreciation of the means of worship available through the parish.

Action Plan:

[1] Encourage more active and increased participation; define various ministries so as to invite new participants; identify contact persons.

[2] Support the Liturgy Committee which has been established and meets monthly.

[3] Reach out to those members who do not worship.

[4] Organize a "Ministry Day" for those who are already involved to share what they do.

[5] Remind all members that our chapel is open for daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

[6] Provide regular celebration of the Liturgy of Hours (Morning Prayer) twice a week.

[7] Incorporate reception of Holy Communion under both species on a regular basis.

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Goal: A WELCOMING AND CARING PARISH (Christian Community)

Objective:

To enhance and nourish a Christian community which demonstrates Christ's love and care and creates a sense of family and belonging.

Action Plan:

- [1]** Encourage more participation for the Liturgy of the Word for Children.
- [2]** Identify and support existing parish outreach of hospitality (Bereavement, HOPE, Disciples in Mission).
- [3]** Establish a formal St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- [4]** Maintain the parish web site.
- [5]** Develop a parish directory.
- [6]** Review the role and responsibilities of the Parish Greeters Ministry
- [7]** Coordinate the ushers and develop the organization of members.

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Goal: A WITNESSING AND PROCLAIMING PARISH (Evangelization)

Objective:

To call active believers to deeper faith, to bring the message of Christ to non-practicing Catholics and to invite others to join in the Church's beliefs and worship.

Action Plan:

- [1]** Make the parish more hospitable, open, and visible.
- [2]** Encourage and support community experiences.
- [3]** Encourage all members of our parish family to participate fully in their baptismal calling.
- [4]** Provide for continued faith development through experiences and programs which enhance spiritual growth such as days of recollection, retreats, parish missions, holy hours, and Eucharistic Adoration.
- [5]** Continue to support and encourage membership in Disciples in Mission.
- [6]** Provide for opportunities for those not part of the Catholic community to learn about the Catholic faith and participate in the R.C.I.A.

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Goal: AN EDUCATIONAL AND FORMATIONAL PARISH (Teaching)

Objective:

To encourage and support parents as the primary religious educators of their children.

Action Plan:

[1] Schedule a speaker on a regular basis to provide information for the parents of our students.

[2] Provide parents of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and PREP various topics regarding the Catholic faith.

[3] Encourage families to become involved in Church activities such as liturgy, youth ministry to provide service in the spirit of the Gospel message.

[4] To establish a continual program of Faith Formation for adults.

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Goal: A PARISH RESPONSIVE TO OTHERS (Christian Service)

Objective:

To embrace and live Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you."

Action Plan:

- [1]** Provide information which would raise the consciousness of parishioners regarding Catholic teaching on life issues.
- [2]** Reaffirm and continue our parish's support for special collections.
- [3]** Encourage dialogue, prayer, and service with other religions.
- [4]** Create a parish strategy to sacrificially designate a portion of its resources for service to the poor.
- [5]** Explore ways in which we can accommodate persons with special needs.

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Goal: AN EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERED PARISH (Leadership)

Objective:

To recognize as baptized Catholics our responsibility and call to full participation in the life of the Church.

Action Plan:

- [1]** Invite all parishioners to become involved in parish organizations.
- [2]** Conduct leadership meetings throughout the year to reinforce our mission of community and church.
- [3]** Celebrate a special liturgy for all the leaders of the organizations in the parish once a year.
- [4]** Provide a secure space for parish documents.
- [5]** Insure that our parish facilities are well maintained.
- [6]** Evaluate office, custodial, and support staff.

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Goal: A GIFTED PARISH, LIVING RESPONSIBLY (Stewardship)

Objective:

To recognize that a parish is a gift from God and to provide our parish with sufficient resources and facilities to support the current and future work of our parish.

Action Plan:

- [1]** Recognize the value of an active tithing program.
- [2]** Distribute a "Welcome Packet" with parish information, including information on parish support, in particular, stewardship and the tithing program.
- [3]** Challenge parishioners to increase personal sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure within the parish and the greater community.
- [4]** Inform parishioners of the good works being done through the generosity of their commitments.
- [5]** Seek out ways in which the parish can become vibrant in its stewardship, and encourage good stewardship with regard to parish finances by all parishioners.