

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

— GLENVIEW —



“Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to His teachings. We take as our mission in the world living out the Gospel of Jesus.”



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview is one of Catholic Charities strongest and most active parish partners. As part of its mission, the parish encourages its parishioners to embrace the role of an engaged disciple through its weekly Mass, ministries, groups, and special events and collections. Its mission permeates every aspect of the parish’s daily work, and it has been active for more than 100 years.

The parish has more than 50 ministries and 3,000 parishioners that gather each weekend. There are also 850 students in its school and 1,000 in its Religious Education program. Their dedication and focus on living out the Gospel of Jesus is hard to miss, especially here at Catholic Charities.

“We are often the beneficiary of their

individual and collective efforts,” said Adriana Kelly, Director of Catholic Charities North Region, where the parish is located. “OLPH has actively helped us clothe, shelter, feed, and nurture the spirits of those who come to us in need.”

The parish’s support can be felt and is present at all levels of our agency and in many of our programs. They share their time, talent, and treasure participating at a high level on our boards, fundraising committees, and events; then again at our moments of truth by providing legions of volunteers as we manage our programs and the needs of our clients every day.

Through its parishioners, ministries, Men & Women’s clubs, school, Religious Education students and youth groups, the parish has assisted

Catholic Charities by organizing fun activities for our families; hosting drives and fundraisers; and making weekly deliveries of clothing that benefit our regional St. Julia’s or Mary’s Closet programs.

In early May, parishioners from OLPH held an especially large professional clothing drive for Mary’s Closet. Mary’s Closet is a Catholic Charities program initiated by a team of dedicated women of its board interested in preparing Catholic Charities program participants for the workplace. The program also provides professional clothing and coaching to ready participants for the interview process.

Father Jerry Boland, Pastor of OLPH, along with parish volunteers, filled a truck with donations and brought them to Catholic Charities 721 N. LaSalle location in downtown Chicago.



“We witness an immediate confidence as participants are fitted with professional attire,” said Heide Kenny, Chair of the Mary’s Closet Board. “Donations like these allow us to continue our work with clients.”

The parish also makes regular donations to our food pantry, sponsors and serves at our weekly suppers, has sponsored three refugee families in our Refugee Resettlement program as well as an additional three families who have overcome homelessness in our New Hope Apartments program.



“From the moment I stepped on campus and began my time at OLPH in 2014, the involvement and partnership in this community was evident,” Father Boland said. “We are blessed with a vibrant, active community, committed to helping others and seeking ways to partner with Catholic Charities and serve others.”

OLPH also provides space at their parish for a Catholic Charities Community Casework and Counseling staff member.

“OLPH is an invaluable parish partner,” Adriana said. “They partner with us to readily address those in need of our mission of charity.”

PHOTOS

(TOP LEFT) The interior of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

(MIDDLE RIGHT) Volunteers pack pasta donations to feed the hungry.

(TOP RIGHT) Volunteers load a truck with clothing donations for Mary’s Closet.

FATHER Boland



Father Jerry Boland grew up in St. Gall’s Parish at 55th and Kedzie in Chicago.

His heritage is Irish; all four of his grandparents were born in Ireland.

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is an amazing and blessed place,” Father Boland said.

“Literally thousands of people are touched by our liturgies and outreach. From the baptism of a newborn to the celebration of a person’s life at a funeral, the parish is a place of support, encouragement, and challenge.”

“We recently had a diocesan meeting here that included people from over 30 parishes. I was struck at how many of our guests commented on what a beautiful place our parish is. As beautiful as our campus is, it is the people that are our greatest treasure,” Father Boland said.

One of Father Boland’s favorite scriptures is Psalm 100: “*Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.*”

“I am blessed to see these words embraced here at OLPH,” Father Boland said. “OLPH is enriched through opportunities to share and serve and by the relationships strengthened through these ministries.”

Father Boland was appointed Pastor of OLPH in July 2014.