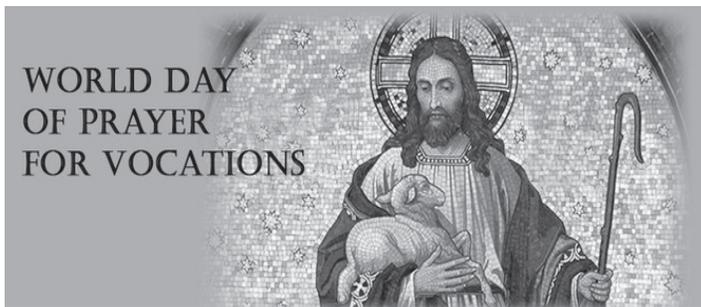


"THANK YOU" AGAIN to the women and men who so generously shared their time and talents this past week to prepare many dozens of golumbki and still more cabbage for more pierogi in preparation for our June Polish Festival.

ANOTHER PIEROGI-MAKING CIRCLE OF FRIENDS will gather in the church hall this Tuesday morning, April 24th, beginning around 8-8:30 in anticipation of our Summer Festival. If you're an experienced pierogi chef, please come join; if you've never made a pierogi in your life, please come join. Many helping hands (male and female) will be needed.



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Generous God,
You show us the way
that leads to everlasting life.
Through Baptism, You have called us
to proclaim the Good News.

Bless and strengthen those
who have made a commitment
of service in the Church.
Guide and give wisdom
to those discerning their vocation.
Enrich our Church with dedicated
married and single people,
with priests and deacons,
and with people in consecrated life.

Filled with Your Holy Spirit,
we ask this blessing
that we, Your people, may follow Jesus
our Good Shepherd,
now and always.
Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY is just three weeks away. Our annual Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 13th, and continue until May 20th. These nine Masses will be celebrated for the special intentions, and in honor of, all living mothers, wives, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, godmothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends—and for the blessed repose of the souls of the deceased—whose names you will have submitted. There is no greater gift than a gift of Masses.

Top-quality greeting cards by Barton-Cotton of Baltimore, suitable for any and all of these special ladies, may be found at the church entrances. Please take as many cards as you will need. Smaller envelopes without greeting cards, for submitting names of the deceased, are also available.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY to be on the lookout for nice sale items appropriate for booth prizes for our Parish Summer PolishFest. Now would also be a good time to approach business owners who are happy to donate gift certificates for that booth; please see Chris Regula for self-explanatory letters to give to the owners or managers.

A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS will be led by Bishop da Cunha in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption this Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It would be wonderful if you could be part of this beautiful time of prayer.

SHARING FAITH & HOPE...Information about the **2018 Catholic Charities Appeal** will soon be in your mailbox, if it has not already arrived. The annual Appeal is an invitation to all of us to partner in the various ministries of our Diocese that help God's downtrodden children in so many life-building ways.

Through the Catholic Charities Appeal, we are privileged to share the gifts of God's bounty toward us with so many who are truly needy. Is 100% OLPH Parish joyful participation possible? It is. Let us all please pray this week about how generously we will share our abundance of blessings.

**Sat. - Apr. 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM +Helena Bobrowiecki
Req. Ernest Duval

Sun. - Apr. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM +Robert Cyr
Req. Wife Joan

Mon. - Apr. 23 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Apr. 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:30 AM Special Intention
Req. Ray Twarog

Wed. - Apr. 25 - St. Mark

7:30 AM +Eugene A. Kalisz
Req. Wife & Daughter

Thurs. - Apr. 26 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Jennie Kondziolka
Req. Daughter, Nancy

Fri. - Apr. 27 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Return to Health & Sobriety
Req. Gus S.

Sat. - Apr. 28 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Robert Kuhn

Sat. - Apr. 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Theodore J. Pankiewicz
Req. Joanne Cioper

Sun. - Apr. 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM +Jozefa Kwit
Req. Helena Falkowska

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

In 1963, Pope Paul VI designated the Fourth Sunday of Easter as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. As we celebrate this day for the 56th consecutive year, we pray for fidelity to our vocation. The Church invites us today to honor the vocation of all Christians given at Baptism.

Pope Francis has sent us a special message in celebration of this day. I would like to use today's column to share some of the Holy Father's reflections with you.

He points out that, when Jesus returned after His time of prayer and struggle in the desert, He did three things before He began His mission. He *listened* to the word, *discerned* the content of the message entrusted to Him by His Father, and *proclaimed* that He came to accomplish it *today*.

This model—listen, discern, live—can be followed by all of us as we try to live out our vocation. Here are some insights from our Holy Father.

LISTEN: God comes silently and discretely, without imposing on our freedom. But it can happen that His voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts. We need to silence the noise around us to listen.

DISCERN: We have to resist the temptation of negativity and discover in our relationship with our Lord the places, the means, and the situations through which He calls us. Discernment requires attentiveness, not distraction.

LIVE: Our vocation is lived *today*. The Christian mission is now. Each one of us is called—whether to the single or married lay life, to the priestly life and/or to the consecrated religious life—in order to become a witness of the Lord here and now.

May we who have dedicated our lives to God through the vocation of marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, or single life remain faithful to our commitments. May those who are discerning their life vocation pay attention to the grace of God to guide them.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad