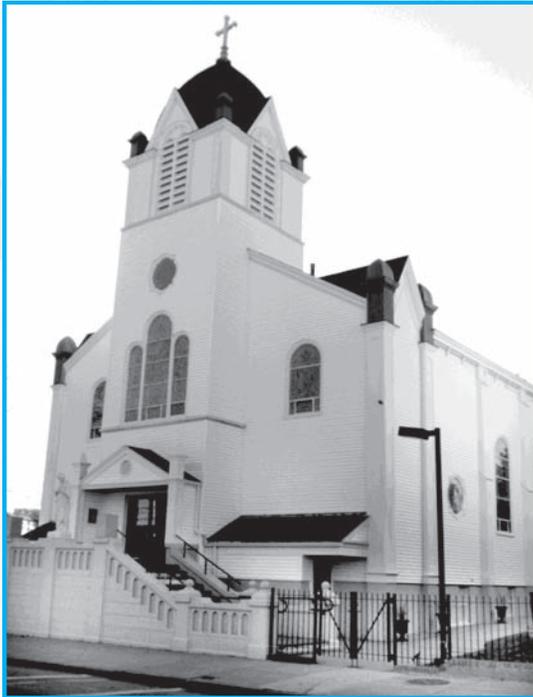


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 113 Years:
1905-2018**

as the Mother Church of Polonia in the
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Masses:

Saturday (Lord's Day Vigil)4:00 PM
Sunday Bi-Lingual English-Polish..... 10:00 AM
Monday-Saturday7:30 AM
Holy DayPlease consult the bulletin

Devotions:

Rosary: Lord's Day before Mass
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:
First Fridays after Mass
Divine Mercy Novena:
Good Friday to Easter Saturday
OLPH Triduum: June 24, 25, 26

Parish Registration: If you are new to the area, we welcome you to join our Parish Family. Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the rectory.

Baptism: Kindly consult with the Pastor at least a month in advance. Baptism Preparation Class is required.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard before Saturday morning and Saturday evening Masses and at other times upon request.

Marriage: Kindly consult with the Pastor one year before your planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Kindly advise Father Conrad of your impending operation or current hospital stay, so that you can receive this sacrament of healing.

Ministry to Parishioners Confined to Home: Housebound parishioners are urged to notify Father Conrad of your desire to receive the sacraments.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As a Parish Family, we strive to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and emulate Him through His teachings. We honor Mary our Mother and promote a strong community through service and ministry. We extend our hands and open our hearts to embrace all people in unity, young and old, wishing to join us in worshipping together as a Parish Family in the spirit of Franciscan Joy, Peace and Love.

A HEARTFELD "THANK YOU" from Father Piotr and the Franciscan Friars for your generosity in last weekend's special collection for the Franciscan missions.

The friars in foreign missions minister almost exclusively to the very poor. Be blest in knowing that, in your charity, you are co-missionaries in bringing Jesus' gospel message to so many who are materially impoverished but spiritually rich, because they eagerly embrace Jesus' message.

CHOOSE LIFE!... *Roe v. Wade* made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy and for virtually any reason. The vast majority of Americans oppose the policy of nearly unlimited abortion dictated by *Roe*, and most believe abortion should not be legal for the reasons it is most often performed,

So why do polls show a majority of Americans favoring *Roe v. Wade*? Because they don't really know what *Roe* did.

You are encouraged to join Catholics nationwide in a weekly moment of prayer every Friday until September 28th for the legal protection of human life. On each of these Fridays, participants will pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for this intention and choose a way to fast (*e.g., offering up the day's inconveniences*).

ALL DEDICATED PARISHIONERS are asked to come to a Holiday Festival planning meeting this Tuesday evening, August 28th, at 6:30 in our parish hall. Please come prepared with your thoughts and suggestions about making our Festival *even* better.

THE BEST BINGO IN GREATER NEW BEDFORD is right here in our parish hall every Thursday evening, starting at 6:45 on the button. The kitchen and doors open at 4:30. Nice cash prizes, great home-style food, and good friends await you.

You say you don't much care to play? That's ok; that makes you available to come down and volunteer. Your offer to help will be much appreciated.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



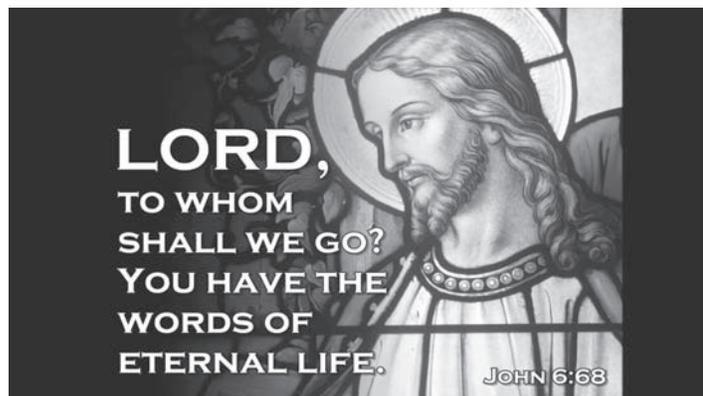
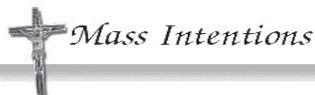
Holy Mother of Czestochowa,
You are full of grace, goodness, and mercy.
I consecrate to you
all my thoughts, words, and actions
—my soul and body.
I beseech your blessings and prayers
for my salvation.
Today I offer myself to you, dear Mother,
to obtain for myself and others
your blessings on this earth
and eternal life in heaven. Amen.

ADULT CONFIRMATION will be conferred on **Wednesday evening, November 28th, at 7 o'clock** in the Cathedral.

A required preparation course will be offered at Bishop Stang High School Wednesday evenings, September 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 9th (a Tuesday), 17th, & 24th, from 7 to 9 (a second option will be in Easton on six consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on September 20th)--with a required retreat day on Saturday, November 3rd, from 9 to 2.

Any baptized Catholic, 18 years old or older, who has never been confirmed but would like to be, should contact Father Conrad to register for the preparation process.

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES during 2018 will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon, October 14th, **at 3 o'clock in the Cathedral. All couples are** invited. But, if you would like to receive an invitation, simply mention it to Father Conrad.

**Sat. - Aug. 25 - 21st Sunday Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM +Thaddeus S. Irzyk
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack
& Michael Robinson

Sun. - Aug. 26 - 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Genia Machnowska
Req. Children

Mon. - Aug. 27 - St. Monica

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Aug. 28 - St. Augustine

7:30 AM +Father Roger Levesque

Wed. - Aug. 29 - Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 AM Physical Healing
& God's Protection
Req. Lillian & Michael Cronk

Thurs. - Aug. 30 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Frank Slowik
Req. Pat Monteiro & Family

Fri. - Aug. 31 - Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention

Sat. - Sept. 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM +Danielle Myrda

Sat. - Sept. 1 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Fidele & +Marie Bourque
Req. Bourque Family

Sun - Sept. 2 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Fernando Monteiro
Req. Joan Cyr

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. But it is also the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Most of us recognize the large icon above the right side altar as depicting our Blessed Mother under this title. The original has been in the monastery of Jasna Gora (Bright Hill) in Czestochowa, Poland, since it arrived there more than 600 years ago.

Tradition tells us that the holy image dates back to the time of the Twelve Apostles and was painted by St. Luke on the tabletop of the Holy Family's kitchen. Some believe that, as Luke was painting the icon, Blessed Mother was relating events in Jesus' life that he would eventually include in his Gospel.

In the 4th century, St. Helen discovered it in the Holy Land and gave it to her son, St. Constantine, who built a shrine for its proper veneration.

During the 14th century, after Prince Ladislaus had come into possession of the image, Tartars invaded. One of their arrows struck the painting and lodged in the neck of the Madonna. Under the cover of darkness, Prince (St.) Ladislaus fled to Czestochowa with the icon for its protection. He later had the Pauline monastery and church built there to ensure its safety.

At one point, the Protestant Hussites overran the monastery and attempted to steal the image. One of the looters tried to drive away with the painting, but the horses refused to move. In a fit of rage, the driver struck the icon twice with his sword. As he raised his hand to strike it again, he fell to the ground and died.

Despite attempts in the past to repair the scars from the arrow and the sword, they have reappeared each time and remain visible to this day.

Our Lady of Czestochowa is credited with defending Poland from numerous invading forces over the centuries. But she stands for much more than just a miracle here and there; she's the heart of the people.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad