



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
235 North Front St. New Bedford, MA 02746

MASSES for October 10th-18th

Saturday, September 10th—28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, September 11th—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Stefanie Pilat
Req. Friends of Poland

Monday, October 12th—Weekday (Columbus Day)

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, October 13th—Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, October 14th—St. Callistus

7:30 AM +Father Firmin Finn, O.F.M.Conv.

Thursday, October 15th—Weekday

7:30 AM Benefactors of the Franciscan Order, Living & Deceased

Friday, October 16th—St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 AM ++Obenauf Family

Saturday, October 17th—St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving
Req. Armindo & Cynthia Linhares

Saturday, October 17th—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Gloria Irzyk
Req. Edward Ben David & Family

Sunday, October 17th—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Alice Nazarchyk
Req. Joan Cyr

Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The LORD God will wipe away
the tears from every face;
the reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Psalm 23

R. I shall live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. R.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. R.
You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. R.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. R.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble
circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance.
In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the
secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in
abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him
who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my
distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord
with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and
Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 22:1-14 (or Matthew 22:1-10)

JESUS AGAIN IN REPLY SPOKE TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS and elders of the
people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be
likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He
dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the
feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other
servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared
my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and
everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the
invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them,
and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he
said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were
invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the
main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The
servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found,
bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But
when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there
not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My
friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding
garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said
to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him
into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and
grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

October, Polish Heritage Month, has arrived very quickly this year. The heritage of the Polish people and the Catholic Church are inseparable. Through periods of oppression, suppression, and even martyrdom, their Faith has sustained the people of Poland for more than a thousand years of Catholic history in that great nation. No fewer than 33 saints and 77 “blesseds” have been born of the Catholic Church there during that time.

Of these, Poland has three primary patron saints. **Blessed Mother** under her title, “**Queen of Poland**,” is the nation’s principal patron; **St. Adalbert** and **St. Stanislaus of Szczepanów** are the other two primary patrons. **St. Stanislaus Kostka** and **St. Andrew Bobola** are the country’s secondary patron saints.

Blessed Mother has been venerated as Queen of Poland since the 14th century.

Bishop Adalbert gave up his diocese (Gniezno) to become a missionary and take the Gospel to the inhabitants near Prussia. But the people opposed him when he urged them to abandon paganism. At the instigation of one of the pagan priests, the people he had gone to serve murdered him.

Following a conflict between Bishop Stanislaus and King Boleslaus, the bishop excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslaus accused Stanislaus of treason and murdered him while he was celebrating Mass.

St. Stanislaus Kostka, a secondary patron of Poland, was a Jesuit novice who was an example of holiness to everyone who ever met him. After becoming suddenly ill on the vigil of the Assumption, he died on the morning of the Solemnity at the age of 17.

St. Andrew of Bobola is the other secondary patron of the nation. A Jesuit missionary, he is known for his works of mercy during a plague. Attacked by Protestants and schismatics, he was tortured, then beheaded.

May these and all the saints in heaven pray for us.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad

IF YOU THOUGHT that making 130 dozen pierogi in one session was an amazing feat (and it was!), on Tuesday of this past week, the energetic volunteers produced 167 dozen—more than 2,000--pierogi !!!

In anticipation of Tuesday, Helena Falkowska, Krystyna Dzieciolowski, Ola Lewandowski, and Lucy Lyczewska spent six hours on Monday preparing the dough and the pierogi filling for the next day’s “assembly line.”

These dedicated ladies returned Tuesday morning and were joined by Joan Cyr, Kathy Gioiosa, Janice Machnowski, Richard Machnowski, Vivian Medeiros Fran Motyl, Judy Parker, Karen Poissant, Mary Ann Polchlopek, Dorothy Roncka, and Eileen Szymanski.

To these faithful parishioners and friends of OLPH: *Dziękuję bardzo i Bóg was błogosławi* (Thank you very much and God bless you).

YOU ARE INVITED to a Harvest Food Fair “take-out” at St. John of God Church (1036 Brayton Avenue, Somerset) next Saturday, October 17th, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Homemade food items will include Portuguese soup, bifanas sandwiches, chourico and peppers, favas, Portuguese sweet rice, malassadas, baked goods, chow mein sandwiches, apple-butternut squash soup, and more. Raffles and prizes, too!

CHOOSE LIFE!...Our State legislature is considering what is being called “the ROE legislation.” These two bills would:

- Remove the requirement that young girls obtain consent before abortion;
- Remove the requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion;
- Remove the requirement that late-term abortions be performed in hospitals.
- Allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

Please call the committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are **opposed** to H3320 and S1209—the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps. For more information, visit macatholic.org

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah · 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

* *So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?*



[Jesus said,] “The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike.”

MATTHEW 22:10

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!



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Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

—ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 12
Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 13
Weekday

Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 14
Weekday

Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church

Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

OCTOBER 16
Weekday

Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21