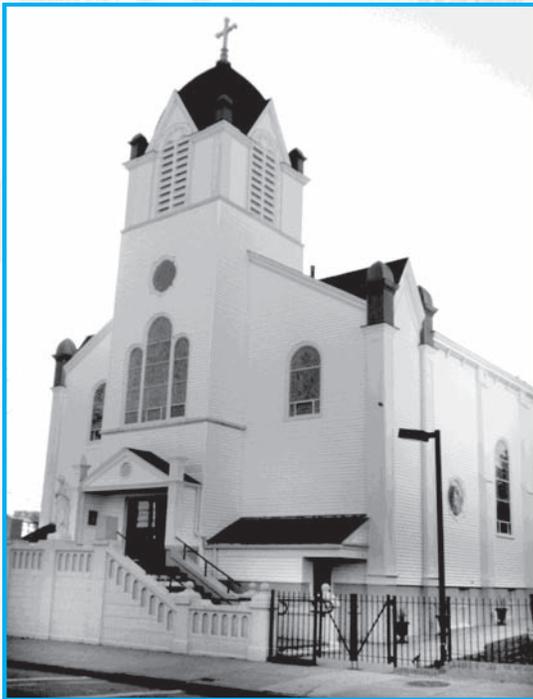


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 114 Years:
1905-2019**

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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.

TODAY THE CHURCH CELEBRATES World Day for Consecrated Life. From the very beginning of the Church, there have been men and women who have been drawn by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ with greater freedom. They have sought to imitate Him through committing themselves to the evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity, and obedience. This means that consecrated people commit to giving everything (poverty) and doing anything (obedience) **in God's service, as a loving response to God's love for them (chastity).**

Consecration means "set apart." Those called to consecrated life are "set apart" by God for this particular way of life which "*expresses the deepest nature of the Christian vocation.*" In this "*we see the hand of God who, in His Spirit, calls certain individuals to follow Christ more closely, to translate the Gospel into a particular way of life, to read the signs of the times with the eyes of faith and to respond creatively to the needs of the Church.*" (Pope Francis, *Letter to All Consecrated People*)

We rejoice at the number of men and women from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish who, as members of their religious orders and congregations, are living faithfully the evangelical counsels: Daughter of St. Paul Sister Patricia Edward Jablonski, Felician Sister Marcia Polchlopek, Marist Missionary Sister Catia Ines Conterno, and Marian Father Walter Dziordz.

And we pray for the happy repose of the souls of Franciscan Fathers Cyril Augustyn, Patrick Rolak, and Gabriel Swol; Bernardine Sisters Virgilia Siwik, Andriette Kaszynski, Virginette Glowacki, and Virginella Kaszynski; and Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph Maurelia Olemborski, Martiniana Budra, Bonfilia Olemborski, and Francis Olemborski.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and **respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.** And encourage and pray for those young adults in your family and circle of friends who you think might have a vocation to the religious life.

GOD BLESS all the faithful pierogi team members who, quietly and behind the scenes, gathered in the church kitchen this past week to make 120 dozen cabbage pierogi!

THE CHEESE PIEROGI SUPPLY will be replenished this Tuesday, February 5th. Again, all parish pierogi chefs are asked to please come to the church kitchen around 8:15 on Tuesday, so that goal can be reached.

THE 2019 WOMEN AND MEN'S CONFERENCE will take place on Saturday, March 9th, at Stonehill College in Easton. Sponsored by the Diocese, the Conference will feature dynamic speakers, prayer, music, reflection, Mass, and more. This is a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent. The flyer in **today's bulletin contains more information and a registration form.**

CHOOSE LIFE!... This January 22nd, the 46th anniversary of Roe v Wade, New York State legalized abortion right up to the moment before the child's birth. In addition, New York has removed legal protection for babies born alive; abortionists may now leave babies to lie unattended, without consequences.

A virtually identical bill was proposed this week in Virginia, but was defeated.

The Rhode Island legislature is now considering two abortion-rights bills. And, in Massachusetts, Senator Harriet Chandler has introduced a bill to repeal state laws that would restrict access to abortion if Roe v Wade would ever be overturned.

ANOTHER URGENT REQUEST for volunteer help at our parish Bingo—just 90 minutes once a month, 5 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 8. Can we count on your help in this social ministry?

When winter weather turns severe, radio station 1420 AM will carry an announcement if our Thursday bingo is cancelled.


Mass Intentions



Sat. - Feb. 2 - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Jose Furtado
Req. OLPH Bingo

Sun. - Feb. 3 - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Robert Cyr
Req. M/M Roger Nadeau

Mon.- Feb. 4 - St. Joseph of Leonissa

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Feb. 5 - St. Agatha

7:30 AM +Mrs. Raymond Szulik
Req. Husband

**Wed.-Feb. 6 - Sts. Peter Baptist, Paul Miki,
& Companions**

7:30 AM +Felix & +Mary Witkowicz
Req. Mary Anne Polchlopek

Thur.- Feb. 7 - St. Colette of Corbeia

7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel

Fri.- Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani

7:30 AM +Claire Carty
Req. Doris Jablonski & Family

Sat.- Feb. 9 - Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

Sat.- Feb. 9 - 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Joseph Michael Bobrowiecki
Req. John & Mary Croft

Sun. - Feb. 10 - 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Fernando Monteiro
Req. Joan Taylor & Family
& Cecilia Cowell

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

How good it is that we were together today to give witness to our Faith through our participation at Holy Mass. And now is a good time to ask ourselves how we will continue to live out our Faith until Mass time next weekend.

Have we ever thought of ourselves as “evangelizers?” As members of the Mystical Body, an important part of living out our Faith is bringing others to Jesus. Every one of us who interacts with people will find frequent opportunities for evangelization—as well as a minefield—where we come in contact with people who desperately need to encounter Jesus in the Catholic Church. The big question is HOW to share Jesus’ message with them.

There are two extremes to avoid. The first one is hiding our Catholicism; the other is pushing our beliefs on others in an overbearing way. Avoiding either extreme, every Catholic can insert his/her faith into conversations. And God gives you the grace to do it. Very simply, PRAY for others; LOOK for opportunities.; and LIVE the virtues.

Any of our efforts not based in prayer will be worthless. And our prayer needs to be specific—lifting up particular people and particular situations. (For example, if a friend tells you that his/her marriage is in trouble, tell him/her that you will pray for them, and then spend some time every day asking our Lord’s help for that couple.)

One of the results of prayer is that God will give us many opportunities to witness to our Faith. And the important thing is that responding to these opportunities comes in a natural—never forced—way. We only need to be open and ready for the opportunities that God gives us.

It is best to keep “living the virtues” simple: be honest, take responsibility for our actions, don’t talk against others, help those in need without expecting something in return. These kinds of things will go a long way toward setting a Christian example that others will want to follow.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad