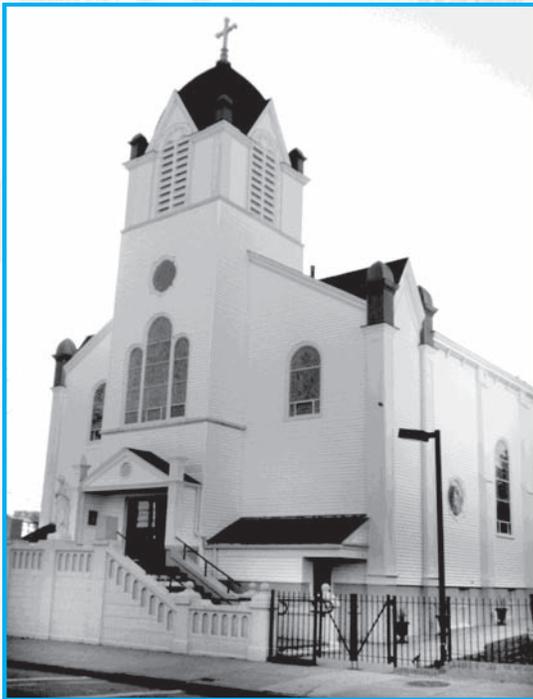


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 114 Years:
1905-2019**

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.

CANDLES WILL BE BLESSED at morning Mass next Saturday, February 2nd. The blessed candles are intended to be used in your home--lit during storms and *especially when the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Holy Anointing are celebrated in the home.*

What more appropriate day could there be to bless candles than the Feast of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon hailed Jesus as *"a light to reveal You [God] to the nations, and the glory of Your people Israel"* (Luke 2.12).

BLESSING OF THROATS will be administered at the end of Mass Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The Feast of St. Blase, usually celebrated on February 3rd, is overshadowed this year by the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Nevertheless, the blessing of throats will be done at our **Lord's Day Masses next weekend.** This blessing is not just for those with throat problems; it is for everyone.

THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL will be the second collection next weekend. This collection helps mission dioceses right here in the United States that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their Catholic populations.

Your generous support will help Catholic Home Missions to ease the struggle of these dioceses by funding religious education, seminarian formation, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs. Please help strengthen the Church in these poor remote U.S. dioceses by making a generous gift to **next week's Appeal.**

SAVE THE DATE! On Sunday, March 3rd, Greater New Bedford will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2019. This ecumenical coming together in prayer and sacred music will be observed worldwide that weekend. **This year, OLPH will be the host church** for this special event! Watch the bulletin for further information.

OLPH last hosted World Day of Prayer in 2005.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE is next Sunday. The Universal Church celebrates with gratitude the men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. Let us pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.

PIEROGI CHEFS, both veterans and newbies, are invited to come to the church kitchen this Tuesday morning, January 29th, around 8:15 or so, to make our famous pierogi. They are in great demand, so we are looking to replenish our supply.

CHOOSE LIFE!... God knows the preborn child: *"You knit me in my mother's womb"* (Psalm 139.15). God also helps and calls the preborn child: *"You have been my guide since I was first formed...from my mother's womb you are my God"* (Psalm 22,10-11). *"God...from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through His grace"* (Galatians 1.15).

ANOTHER S.O.S: We really do need more help at our weekly bingo. Can you share just 90 minutes of your time, once a month, to help your parish in this social ministry?


Mass Intentions



Sat. - Jan. 26 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Jeannette Robida (5th anniv.)
Req. Tobojka Family

Sun. - Jan. 27 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Irene Lavado (3rd anniv.)
Req. Family

Mon.- Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Jan. 29 - Weekday

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

Wed. - Jan. 30 - St. Hyacinthe Marescoti

7:30 AM Father Alan Wharton, F. I.
Req. Tom Schemm

Thur.- Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco

7:30 AM Special Intention

Fri.- Feb. 1 - Weekday

7:30 AM Friars, Relatives, & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

Sat.- Feb. 2 - Presentation of Our Lord

7:30 AM +Vincent Jasinski
Req. Jasinski & Campoli Families

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

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

We're just about at the end of January 2019. How are the New Year's resolutions coming along? You say you didn't make any?

What do you think about this? The Old Testament Book of Leviticus shares the following message from God: "*You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God an holy*" (19.2). Shouldn't this be a daily resolution for all of us? Of course! But what does holy mean?

St. Anthony tells us that holiness means "seeking the Kingdom of God." And we do this by putting into practice the gifts we first received at our baptism: faith, hope, and charity.

Hebrews 11.1 defines **faith** as "*confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*" Do we have confidence in what Jesus taught? Do we have confidence in His Church to instruct us on the way to salvation? Or do we have more confidence in our own ideas?

Biblical **hope** is "*a desire based on a promise from God.*" Do we know and believe God's promises? Do we desire what God promises?

Charity is *love in action*, and it evolves from hope and faith. Charity serves both God and neighbor, because loving is right (and not because it benefits oneself).

We seek the kingdom of God by striving to live in **accord with Jesus' teachings**. This requires *learning* from the Gospels what He taught, then *following* His example, and *putting* His words into action. If we do this, we will be holy.

Also, if we believe that a good resolution is to become holy, to become a saint, then we have to become that saint in **God's way**. **Any other way won't work**. And our path to holiness is not the same as anyone **else's**. **May we ask God what His way is for us to become holy**, and then, may we follow that way.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad