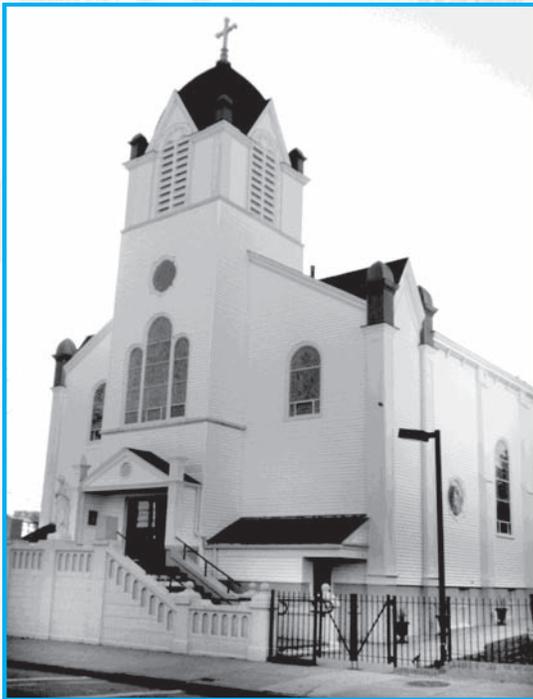


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**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.



ON MOTHER'S DAY, may our dear Lord bless you, dear Mother's, and may our Blessed Mother always be at your side as your inspiration and guide. And may the happiness, blessings, and love you have given to your family be returned to you in overflowing measure.

THE MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES will be celebrated every day this week for all those special Mothers and others who have been commended to the graces and blessings of these **nine Masses**. Next week's bulletin will contain a listing of all who have been included. It is only appropriate that, unless legitimately impeded, all who have submitted names be in church for these Masses.

PIEROGI-MAKING DAY will be this Wednesday, May 15th. The pierogi team invites all who would like to learn how to make these delicious items to join the team in the church kitchen around 8:15-8:30 a.m. They will be making both cheese pierogi and potato pierogi for our Polish Fest in July.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Tuesday evening, May 14th, at 6:30, in the church hall. The main topic of discussion will be our upcoming Polish Festival. Everyone is invited to come and share your ideas about making this another grand successful OLPH Parish Family event.

CHOOSE LIFE!... On Mother's Day, the following observation is especially relevant: "Children, and those who are dependent on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a **shared gift, not an encumbrance.**" Who knows this better than a Mother?

WELCOME, FATHER BENEDICT FAGONE! Father Ben is recently retired after ministering in our Franciscan Province for over fifty years in several high-schools, chaplaincies, and parishes where our friars serve—most recently, for the past twenty years, as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in the Willimansett section of Chicopee in the Diocese of Springfield.

Father Ben will be "in residence" here. As a "senior priest," Father Ben is not the parochial vicar, but he has indicated that he will be most happy to lend his assistance whenever the need arises.

In these days when priests are in short supply, OLPH Parish is blessed to have two priests with us—and at no added financial responsibility to the Parish; our Franciscan Province is taking care of Father Ben's room and board.

Father Ben and Father Conrad have been friends for the past fifteen years. Father Conrad is certain that you will soon get to know Father Ben as a kind and wonderful priest.

FEED THE HUNGRY. Shelter and homeless. Visit the Sick. Comfort the sorrowful. We can practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and "**See All the People**" whose lives we are helping to transform through our generous support of the 78th Catholic Charities Appeal.

This year's theme reminds us to bear witness to the tens of thousands who benefit from the agencies and apostolates serving those in need in Greater New Bedford and throughout our Diocese.



Where there is great need, OLPH Parish Family can offer great hope. You are invited to make your gift online by visiting www.givefrdiocese.org/ccca19. Of course, you can also mail your gift. No matter what size, your gift will make a difference for so many.


Mass Intentions

**Sat. - May 11 - 4th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 PM +Helena Bodzioch
Req. Ann Bodzioch Robinson

Sun. - May 12 - 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Mon. - May 13 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Tues. - May 14 - St. Matthew

7:30 AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Wed. - May 15 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Thurs. - May 16 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Fri. - May 17- Easter Weekday

7:30AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Sat.- May 18 - Easter Weekday

7:30AM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Sat. - May 18 - 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM All Those Commended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Sun.- May 19 - 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM All Those Recommended to Our
Mother's Day Novena of Masses

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Each year you very likely look forward to Mother's Day as a day to show your love and thankfulness to your mother (and your wife). If one or the other has been called by God to her eternal reward, a visit and prayer at the cemetery would be very appropriate. If you are still blessed with these most special ladies in your life, you want to be sure about that special card or gift—the very best gift, of course, being our novena of Masses for the occasion.

But should we stop there? Mothers/wives deserve our every effort to show our love and appreciation. The backbone of the family, she thinks day and night about the well-being of the family. She is the first to praise and encourage her children, to comfort and protect them when she senses that they might be in danger. Throughout their lives, she continues to carry them in her heart.

Appreciating and respecting our mothers and wives is the best way for each person to understand his/her role in the family. If every member in every family showed love toward his/her mother/wife, their lives would be much better for it, and, for that matter, so would the world be.

Let's not miss the chance to use this Mother's Day to show much more love to our mothers and wives. If we do this, we will actually be doing *ourselves* a service, *i.e.*, developing a better understanding of what parenthood, marriage, and family are about. It is *not* about controlling one's wife is not about making selfish demands on one's mother. It is about *protecting, loving, and caring* for her. In the end, the entire family will feel better about themselves and welcome the transforming effect of realizing how much they truly care for and love each other.

Let's make it Mother's Day all year 'round. May all family members do their best to show appreciation for everything that these wonderful ladies have done for them, and for many others as well.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad