The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Celebrating 113 Years: 1905-2018
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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.

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.

Conventual Franciscan Friars:
Father Conrad Salach, O.F.M. Conv., Pastor
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Masses:
Saturday (Lord's Day Vigil) ......................4:00 PM
Sunday Bi-Lingual English-Polish........... 10:00 AM
Monday-Saturday ....................................7:30 AM
Holy Day ........................................Please 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
THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS will permeate our parish hall this coming Saturday, November 17th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with great food to enjoy, nice prizes to win, and good friends to have an enjoyable time with.

DON’T MISS OUT on your chance to win one of several cash prizes in the $1,000 give-away! Mail or bring your ticket returns to the rectory, or bring them with you when you come on Saturday.

YOUR KIND DONATION of a nice gift or two for the 100-gift booth, or some of your home-baked goodies for the bakery table, or a specialty gift-basket for this always-popular attraction, or gently-used items for grandma’s attic can still be dropped off at the rectory by Friday (baked items in the hall on Saturday).

ALL GOLUMBKI CHEFS are asked to please come for the final golumbki-making session before Saturday’s celebration—this Wednesday morning in the church hall kitchen, starting around 8-8:30.

OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ends this weekend. God bless each and every one of you whose generosity will help keep needy children from going hungry. Non-perishable food items are needed all through the year. Catholic Social Services is happy to come and collect these donations any time.

CHOOSE LIFE!...Despite the fact that embryonic stem cells continue to receive the most news, they remain the least likely stem cells to help patients, despite the millions of dollars spent on private and government research. Adult stem cells are the only type of stem cell used successfully to treat human patients.—David A. Prentice in National Right to Life News

THE SECOND COLLECTION next week will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring positive change to their communities. Learn more at usccb.org/cchd/collection

VETERANS DAY is an official U.S. holiday, observed every year on November 11th to honor military veterans, i.e., men and women who served in our Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day (its original name) and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended one hundred years ago at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the armistice between the Allies of WW I and Germany was signed at Campiegne in France.

In 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in the United States. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

Also, on November 11th, Poland celebrates National Independence Day. On this date in 1918, the Polish state was reborn after 123 years of partition by the Russian Empire, the Kingdom of Prussia, and the Hapsburg Empire; Poland’s sovereignty was thus restored as the Second Polish Republic. 2018 is the Jubilee Year marking the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining her independence!

This year also commemorates the victorious 1918-1919 Wielkopolska Uprising and triumph of Poles breaking free from the Prussian yoke.

2018 marks, as well, the 250th Jubilee Year of the Bar Confederation. This was an armed coalition of Polish nobles established on February 29, 1768 in Bar to protect the Catholic Faith and ensure Polish independence from Russia.

Finally, 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the Election Regulation Decree, which granted voting rights to women and stipulated that both men and women could be elected to parliament.
Sat.- Nov. 10 - 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +Ted Irzyk
Req. Grace & Peter Barcz

Sun.- Nov. 11- 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
10:00 AM +Helen Palys (anniv.)
Req. Family

Mon. - Nov. 12 - St. Josephat
7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues.– Nov. 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:15 AM ++M/M Stanley Szulich
Req. Raymond Szulich

Wed. - Nov. 14 - St. Nicholas Tavelic & Companions
7:30 AM +Eugene A. Kalisz
Req. Wife & Daughter

Thur.- Nov. 15- St. Albert the Great
7:30 AM Successful Surgery & Health
Req. Hugh Dymski

Fri.-Nov. 16 - St. Gertrude
7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel

Sat. - Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
7:30 AM +Vincent Paul Jasinski
Req. Rita Campoli

Sat.- Nov. 17 -33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +Eileen Bodziuch Deroches
(2nd anniv.)
Req. Ann Bodziuch Robinson

Sun.- Nov. 18-33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time
10:00 AM +Josephine Kulpa
(month’s mind)
Req. Nancy Ann Kondziolka

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Since time immemorial, the Church has dedicated the entire month of November to reminding us of our duty to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is where the soul is cleansed of not-yet-forgiven venial sins and freed from the punishment associated with already-forgiven sins. The Holy Souls in Purgatory have died in the state of grace, are certain of entering Heaven, but first must spend time in Purgatory. Because the Holy Souls sense the presence of God but cannot yet be with Him, this becomes the greatest of longings.

St. Padre Pio was once quoted as saying, “Holy Souls are eager for the prayers of the faithful that can gain indulgences for them. Their intercession is powerful. Pray unceasingly. We must empty Purgatory.”

The best means to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

When we pray for the Holy Souls, we get to remember that we’re giving them Paradise and the Face of God by getting them out of Purgatory sooner, shortening their time of being without God. In turn, they show us their prayerful gratitude in proportion to their joy. The Catechism (#958) tells us, “Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.”

God, for reasons known only to Him, gives us this great power and privilege to release the Holy Souls from Purgatory, and He places in our hands the means to assist them. So, then, we have the responsibility—the obligation—to pray for our departed loved ones.

May the Holy Souls in Purgatory storm Heaven with their mighty prayers to God for those who joined in celebrating our Novena of Masses for them this past week. For everybody else, nineteen days remain in this year’s Month of All Souls; will you join us at daily Mass? The Holy Souls in Purgatory are depending on you.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad