

The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 113 Years:
1905-2018**

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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.

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH has begun. Every day in Poland, the churches see people of all ages praying before the Blessed Sacrament, lining up for Confession, and participating in daily Mass. For them, this is the most important element of "Polish Heritage." Will OLPH see an uptick of parishioners at daily Mass and in the confessional?

THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS OPEN! If you are planning to request Masses for next year, you might want to stop in to the parish office at your earliest convenience to secure those special dates.

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" will soon be in the air when OLPH celebrates on Saturday, November 17th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the church hall, with our famous "made with TLC" pierogi, golumbki, and other Polish and American comfort foods, plus booths, games and prizes—and we're expecting a visit from Santa Claus! Mark your calendars, and bring your friends.

The Kindness of Every Parishioner is requested to help ensure the success once again of this year's Spirit of Christmas Fair. A nice gift or two for the booths from every household would be very much appreciated—something that you yourself would be happy to win. These gifts can be dropped off at the rectory any time at your convenience.

PIEROGI CHEFS—both veterans and novices—are invited to gather in the church hall/kitchen this Tuesday morning, October 16th, around 8-8:30 to prepare cheese and potato pierogi for our upcoming Fair. Many helping hands (male and female) will be needed. Even if you've never made a pierogi in your life, please come join.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet Monday evening, October 22nd, at 6:30, in the church hall. We will be finalizing some details about the pre-Christmas Fair. The meeting will be brief, but important.

BINGO, a wholesome and inexpensive evening of fun and excitement, continues this Thursday and every Thursday evening at 6:45 in our parish hall. Doors and kitchen open at 4:30.

THANKSGIVING ALREADY? While this is something we, as a Parish, do year-round, OLPH will conduct a *concerted* food drive over the next four weekends before Thanksgiving.

In co-ministry with Catholic Charities and to help you as you visit the market, here is the suggested list: **October 20-21:** peanut butter, jelly, and jam; **October 27-28:** cereal; **November 3-4:** pasta, rice, pancake mix; **November 10-11:** canned vegetables and fruit, soup, tuna, etc. Please, no glass containers and no post-date items.

TWO NEW SAINTS will be added to the Church calendar this Sunday, when Pope Francis canonizes Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Both miracles attributed to Pope Paul's intercession involve the healing of unborn children, while Archbishop Romero, assassinated while celebrating Mass, has been declared a martyr for the Faith.

CHOOSE LIFE!... During this Pro-Life Month, baby bottles from Birthright are available at the back of the church. This non-profit organization provides free, confidential, and non-judgmental support 24/7 to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

If you wish to support them, you are invited to pick up one of the bottles, put your gift of cash or check in the bottle, then return it to church at your earliest convenience.

THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER for the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education will be hosted at White's of Westport Tuesday evening, October 30th, from 5:30 to 9. The proceeds will assist the Diocese in meeting needs-based scholarships for students wishing to attend Catholic school in the Diocese.

If you are interested in sponsoring, attending, or donating to the Fund—or want more information—kindly visit face-dfr.org or phone 508-675-1311. Also, check out the poster on the church bulletin board.

✠ *Mass Intentions*



Sat. – Oct. 13 - 28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Ted Irzyk
Req. Joan Cyr

Sun. – Oct. 14- 28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Robert Cyr
Req. Evelyn Bourque

Mon. - Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Oct. 16- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel

Wed. - Oct. 17– St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 AM +Caroline & +Joseph Masny

Thur. – Oct. 18– St. Luke

7:30 AM Special Intention

Fri. – Oct. 19 - Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf & Companions

7:30 AM +Danielle D.

Sat. - Oct. 20 - St. James of Strepar

7:30 AM +Charles & +Julia Salach
Req. Son & Daughter

Sat.- Oct. 20 - 29th Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Charles Holland, Jr.
Req. Bob & Mary Ann Laprise

Sun. – Oct. 21- 29th Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Michelle Fontaine
Req. OLPH Bingo

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

One of the main reasons why lies are forbidden by the Eighth Commandment is that they destroy community and healthy social relationships. To tell lies about another person is call *calumny* (or slander).

Every person has a right to his or her good name. A good name is something that we earn over time by living an honorable and virtuous life. It is about how others perceive the overall excellence of a person. In a very real sense, a person's good name is his or her property—it belongs to that person as a strict right. So, then, **violation of a person's good name is a sin** against the virtue of justice.

The Modern Catholic Dictionary defines calumny as *"injuring another person's good name by lying."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that *"everyone enjoys a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation, and to respect"* (#2479). A person is guilty of calumny if he/she, *"by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them"* (#2477).

The person who engages in calumny does not even have to specify an untruth about another; all he/she has to do is place doubts about that person in the minds of others.

Calumny goes hand-in-hand with gossip. Yet, while we often think of gossip as a venial sin, The Catechism says that calumny is so serious that it can amount to a mortal sin if the lies cause grave damage to the other person: *"the gravity of a lie is measured against the nature of the truth it deforms, the circumstances, the intentions of the one who lies, and the harm suffered by its victims"* (#2484).

What is in the mind is eventually uttered by the tongue. The tongue is a small member of the body, but it possesses great power—either for good or evil.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad