

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.

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" to all the dedicated parishioners and friends of the Parish who came to make pierogi this week for our Spirit of Christmas Fair. The camaraderie among these generous women and men is a wonderful expression of what it means to be Parish Family! May God richly reward each of them for so generously sharing their time and talent for the good of our Parish and, ultimately, for the honor and glory of God.

OUR PARISH ALL SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES will begin Friday, November 2nd, and continue until the following Friday, November 9th. Please try to submit the names of the deceased loved ones and friends you would like included in these nine Masses before November 2nd.

OUR FUN-FILLED SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FAIR is only four weeks away—Saturday, November 17th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Our famous homemade Polish food items—American favorites, too—will be served throughout the day. There will be games of chance and nice prizes, too. And you will even have a chance to meet Santa Claus! Be sure to tell your friends.

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE MANY for OLPH parishioners to ensure the success of this annual holiday event. Every helping hand is so important for the good of our Parish—whether a couple hours of your time staffing a booth or helping in the kitchen; a donation of your favorite home-baked goodies or special holiday arts and crafts items; a nice new gift or two for the 100-gift booth—like parts of a mosaic, each unique contribution, together with every other part, resulting in something grand.

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

BINGO VOLUNTEERS for our Thursday evening games are always needed and appreciated. Just come down this Thursday--5 to 6:45 or 6:45 to 9:30--if you would like to help.

AS THANKSGIVING DRAWS NEAR, let us again join with Catholic Charities in ministry to the hungry poor in our area. Your response over the years in bringing non-perishable food items has been gratifying.

Beginning this weekend, and continuing each weekend until November 10th-11th, we will be collecting these non-perishables: **this weekend:** peanut butter, jelly and jam; **next weekend:** cereal; **November 3rd-4th:** pasta, rice, pancake mix; **November 10th-11th:** canned vegetables and fruit, soup, tuna, etc. Of course, any of these items are welcome any time. Please, nothing breakable and no past date items.

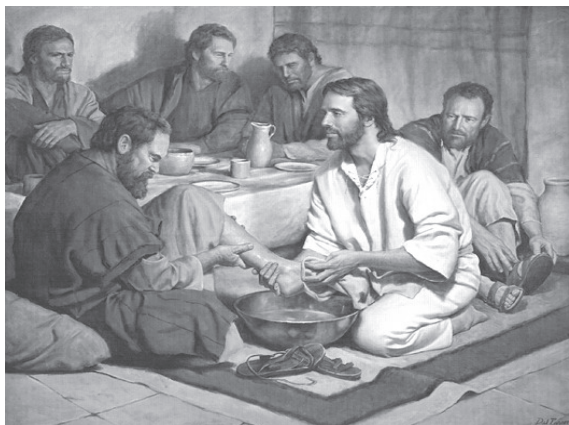
BONAVENTURE OF POTENZA Who is he? One possible reason why this Conventual Franciscan friar is hardly known today would be his sublime humility, never calling attention to himself. He spent most of his religious life as a home missionary, known for his profound preaching throughout southern Italy. When a plague broke out, he tended to the sick and dying victims, with no fear of becoming sick himself. A great miracle worker and zealous servant of our Blessed Mother, it is claimed that Bonaventure never undertook anything without first praying three Hail Marys and putting himself under her protection. He died while singing a psalm in religious ecstas3y. We will celebrate his feast on Friday.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS cannot be beat for sound education and strong moral values lessons.

In 1854, the Massachusetts anti-Catholic "Know-Nothing Party" added an amendment to the State Constitution that, to this day, prohibits government funding for Catholic Schools.

On Tuesday, October 30th, the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) will host its annual dinner to provide needs-based scholarships for students wishing to attend Catholic school in the Diocese. Tickets and additional information are available at face-dfr.org or 508-675-1311.


Mass Intentions



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

Mon. - Oct. 22 - St. John Paul II

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Oct. 23 - St. John of Capistrano

7:30 AM +Ignatius Szulik
Req. Raymond Szulik

Wed. - Oct. 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30 AM Health
Req. Ted Smolen

Thur. – Oct. 25– Weekday

7:30 AM +Stanley Rytarczyk

Fri. – Oct. 26 - Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza

7:30 AM Health & Return to Sobriety
Req. Gus S.

Sat. - Oct. 27 - Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving
Req Cynthia & Armando Linhares

Sat.- Oct. 27 - 30th Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Peter L. Caron
Req. Cousin, Ernie Duval

Sun.–Oct. 28– 30th Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Helena Bobrowiecki
Req. Joan Cyr

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October has been celebrated as the month of the rosary since 1571. On October 7th of that year, the Catholic League (an alliance of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Genoa, Savoy, and Malta) was victorious in battle over the Muslim forces that were seeking to take over Italy and move into the heart of Europe.

Before the ships sailed toward battle, Pope Pius V **prayed the rosary, asking our Blessed Mother's** intercession for Christian victory. Every man on board carried a rosary, and, upon their return from battle, the Holy Father declared a feast in honor of Our Lady of Victory. Soon the whole month of October became associated with the rosary. Every pope since then has encouraged the faithful to pray the rosary daily.

Rosary devotion can actually be traced back to as early as the second century. Monks would pray the 150 psalms daily, and the laity, few of whom could read at that time, imitated the monks by praying 150 Hail Marys, which evolved into the 15 Mysteries. In the thirteenth century, St. Dominic popularized the rosary as a most special devotion to our Blessed Mother, a devotion that retains its prominence to this day.

In 1917, our Blessed Mother appeared to the three children at Fatima. In all of her appearances, on the 13th of the month from May to October, she repeated this exhortation to Catholics everywhere: ***"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."***

It's really easy to pray the rosary daily—while driving, standing in the check-out line (use your fingers for counting the prayers), taking a walk, or even when it's difficult falling asleep at night. To pray the rosary takes fifteen minutes at most. They are minutes well-spent.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad