

The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 113 Years:
1905-2018**

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.

THURSDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: All Saints' Day. Our obligation to attend Mass is the same as on Sunday. Our parish Masses for All Saints' Day will be celebrated at 5:30 Wednesday evening and 7:30 Thursday morning.

OUR ALL SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES will begin this Friday, November 2nd, and continue until Friday the 9th. Please try to submit the names of the deceased loved ones and friends whom you would like included in these nine Masses before November 2nd. Your prayerful presence at these Masses would be a very meaningful gift to them on those days.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is only three weeks away—Saturday, November 17th, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

in the church hall. You will soon be receiving tickets in the mail for the Big Money Raffle with \$1,000 in prizes!

For the good of our Parish, every parishioner is encouraged to play a part to ensure the success of this annual event. The opportunities are many:

A couple hours of **your time** staffing one of the booths or helping in the kitchen would be very helpful. Always appealing to our patrons are your favorite **home-baked goodies**. **A nice new item** or two (something that you would be happy to win) for the 100-gift booth would also be much appreciated. Thank you in advance, and God bless you, for your anticipated kindness.

AN "ALL-CALL" TO PIEROGI MAKERS... This Tuesday morning, parishioners and friends of the parish—men and women—are invited, please, to come help prepare cabbage pierogi for our Spirit of Christmas Bazaar. The crew will begin between 8 and 8:30. Your helping hands and happy face will be very important as part of the team preparing these highly-sought-after OLPH specialties. Again, no previous experience is necessary.

THANKSGIVING will be here before we know it. The next few weekends leading up to Thanksgiving will provide us all with a blessed opportunity to join Catholic Charities in ministry to the hungry poor in our area.

This weekend we saw nice amounts of cereal. **Next weekend** we anticipate donations of pasta, rice, and pancake mix. And **November 10th & 11th** we look forward to canned vegetables and fruit, soup, tuna, etc. Kindly bring these items when you come to Mass, and, please, no breakables or past-date items.


THERE IS STILL TIME to get your tickets for the *24th annual scholarship dinner*, this Tuesday evening, October 30th, at White's of Westport. The proceeds of this even will provide "need-based" scholarships for children who would like to attend Catholic school in our Diocese.

For more information and/or for tickets, you are invited to go to face-dfr.org or call 508-675-1311.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends next Sunday at 2 a.m. So that you will not be an hour early for Mass next Sunday morning, think of the saying, **"Fall Back,"** and turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

TODAY, ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, *"Human, cultural, and religious settings still foreign to the Gospel of Jesus and to the sacramental presence of the Church represent the extreme peripheries, 'the ends of the earth,' to which, ever since the first Easter, Jesus' disciples have been sent, with the certainty that their Lord is always with them."*—Pope Francis

CHOOSE LIFE!... As political candidates contest for our support, it is vital to remember that *"no amount of good social policy, such as programs that feed the hungry and shelter the homeless—as vitally important as they are—can make up for bad policies concerning the protection of life itself. Without the fundamental right to live, the right not to be killed, no other rights are meaningful. In fact, without life no other rights can exist."*—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops


Mass Intentions



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

Mon. - Oct. 29 - Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues.- Oct. 30 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Robert Kuhn

Wed. - Oct. 31 - Weekday

7:30 AM Blessed Mother's Intercession
for Health
Req. Thomas Staszal

Wed. - Oct. 31 - All Saints

5:30 PM (Holy Day of Obligation)
OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Thur. - Nov. 1- All Saints

7:30 AM (Holy Day of Obligation)
+Leah Sawyer
Req. Sons, Tom & George

Fri.- Nov. 2 - All Souls

7:30 AM All Souls Novena #1

Sat. - Nov. 3 - St. Martin de Porres

7:30 AM All Souls Novena #2

Sat.- Nov. 3 - 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time

4:00 PM All Souls Novena #3

Sun.-Nov. 4 - 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time

10:00 AM All Souls Novena #4

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

Halloween is a curious holiday. While it is a time for children to celebrate by dressing up as make-believe characters and having fun trick-or-treating, some people insist that it is a pagan, or even satanic, day that should not be celebrated at all.

Whether or not Halloween is pagan in origin is a point of debate. Some people claim that it was an attempt by early Christians to "baptize" the Gaelic harvest festival in Ireland call *Samhein*. But recent evidence shows us that *Samhein* was just a simple time after harvest for the folks to celebrate before the approaching winter—with nothing pagan, satanic, or scary about it.

The fact is that Halloween has its origins in our Catholic Faith. To **hallow** is "*to bless, consecrate, or make holy.*" The adjective form, **hallowed**, as used in the Our Father, means "*holy, consecrated, sacred, or revered.*" As a noun, **hallow** means "*saint*". **Halloween** (October 31st) is a shortened form of "*All Hallows' Eve,*" or "*All Saints' Eve,*" which precedes All Saints' Day (November 1st).

All Saints' Day is the celebration of all the faithful who, through the power of their baptism, lived in union with Jesus throughout their earthly life and now continue that union with Him in eternal life.

Rarely, if ever, are people thinking about this when they decorate their property with ghosts, tombstones, and fake spider webs.

But, in spite of the fact that so many holidays (holy days) that are rooted in Catholicism have fallen to the secular re-making of them, there is no reason why we can't celebrate them in the way they were intended.

So, let's celebrate Halloween with all the joyfulness it embraces: the happiness of the little innocents who ring our doorbell and the inner joy that, even here and now, we are in communion with all the saints in heaven.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad