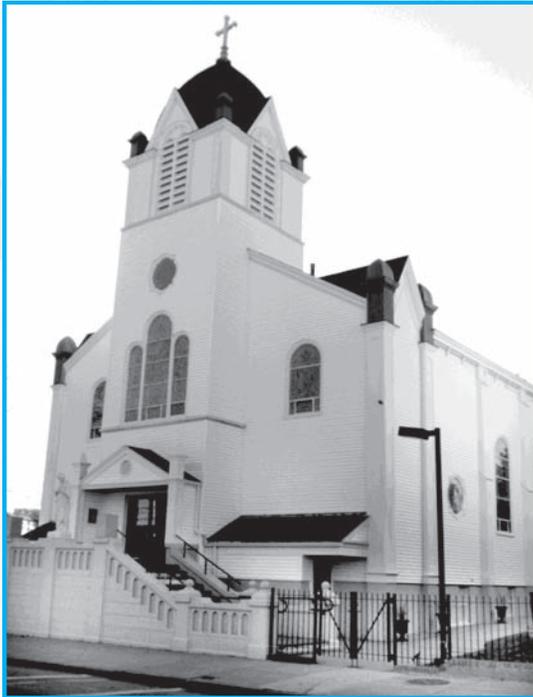


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**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.

You're Invited!

POLISH FEST VOLUNTEERS are invited to a "get-together" Wednesday evening, September 19th, at 6 o'clock. We hope that each and every member of the hard-working Polish Fest 2018 team will join us for a nice evening together.

Kindly extend the invitation, as well, to your "non-parishioner" friends and family members who worked alongside you, whose invaluable help added so much to the weekend's grand success.

Because we are planning a catered affair, we need an accurate number of those who will be attending. If you will be joining us, ***please reply by next Sunday, September 16th***, using the yellow insert found in last Sunday's bulletin. Additional inserts are available at the church entrances.

CELEBRATE your milestone Wedding Anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral Sunday afternoon, October 14th, at 3 o'clock.

If you would like to receive an invitation from the Bishop's Office, kindly let Father Conrad know as soon as possible. (You're welcome to participate even without an invitation.)

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be offered on six consecutive Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., September 19th to October 24th (one Tuesday, 10/9) at Bishop Stang High School.

A second option is six Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., September 20th to October 25th at Holy Cross Church in Easton. Both groups will participate in a retreat, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, November 3rd, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, NB.

Registration is required. If interested, see Father Conrad asap.

CHOOSE LIFE!... Abortion is often portrayed as essential for women to achieve freedom and equality with men; yet, many report feeling some degree of pressure for aborting to please someone else—often their partner. Further, after the abortion, many women report feelings of depression, suicidal or self-harm inclinations, sadness, shame, and regret.

Women would be better served if society tried to creatively answer the needs of single mothers, mothers trying to get through school, mothers needing higher or more stable finances, etc., rather than telling them that the death of their children is the best answer. We can and should do better for all women.

Every Friday until September 28th we can all take part in the nationwide effort of prayer (one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be) and fasting (e.g., giving up some form of entertainment for the day) that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

OLPH BINGO continues every Thursday evening at 6:45 sharp in our parish hall. Doors and Polish Kitchen open at 4:30.

WILL YOU BE AWAY FOR PART OF THE WINTER?

If so, please notify the parish office of your winter address and the dates you plan to be there. This will help avoid unnecessary post office charges for **parish mailings returned to us as "not forwardable."** Any information you share with us will, of course, remain confidential.

CLAMBOIL (\$25) OR FISH & CHIPS (\$20) fundraiser—eat in or take out--sponsored by the **Kosciuszko Club**, will be served at **Lepage's Seafood** (439 Martine St., Westport) next Sunday, September 16th, from 4 to 8 p.m. For tickets, call Brian Curt (508-678-0987).


Mass Intentions



Sat. – Sept. 8- 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM +Joseph Michael Bobrowiecki
Req. Yvonne Marquis

Sun. - Sept. 9 -23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Sophie Sadowski
Req. Dorothy Roncka

Mon. – Sept. 10 - Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Sept. 11 - Weekday

7:30 AM God's Blessings
Req. Andrew Duda

Wed. - Sept. 12 - Holy Name of Mary

7:30 AM ++Family Members
Req. Donor

Thurs. - Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom

7:30 AM +Adele Czerniejewska

Fri. - Sept. 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 AM +Mary & +Bill Parda

Sat. - Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 AM +Anna Sudol

**Sat. – Sept. 15 - 24th Sunday Ordinary
Time**

4:00 PM +Helena & +Alvin Bodzioch
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

**Sun – Sept. 16 - 24th Sunday Ordinary
Time**

10:00 AM +Michelle Fontaine
Req. Alan & Gail Ponichtera
& Patricia Palys

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Some food for thought (pun intended!) A certain young woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and given three months to live. She contacted her pastor to discuss her final wishes. She told him which hymns she wanted sung at her funeral, which scripture passages she wanted read, and even what dress she wanted to be buried in.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly, "and this is very important. I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand,." This, of course, puzzled the pastor until the young woman explained: *"My grandmother once pointed out to me that, at so many banquets and dinners, when the dishes of the main course are being cleared, someone invariably leans over and says, 'Keep your fork.' It is my favorite part, because I know that something even better is coming—like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie—something very wonderful.*

"So I want people to see me in that casket with a fork in my hand, and I want them to ask about it. Then I want you to tell them, 'Keep your fork. The best is yet to come.'" No longer puzzled, the pastor smiled, realizing that this young woman had a wholesomely insightful grasp of heaven. She knew that something better was coming!

During the funeral homily, the pastor shared that part of their last conversation about the fork and its special symbolism for the young woman. He told them how he had frequently thought about the fork since that day, and suggested that they in the congregation would very likely often think about it, too. So, the next time you reach for your fork, may it gently remind you that the best is yet to come!

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad

