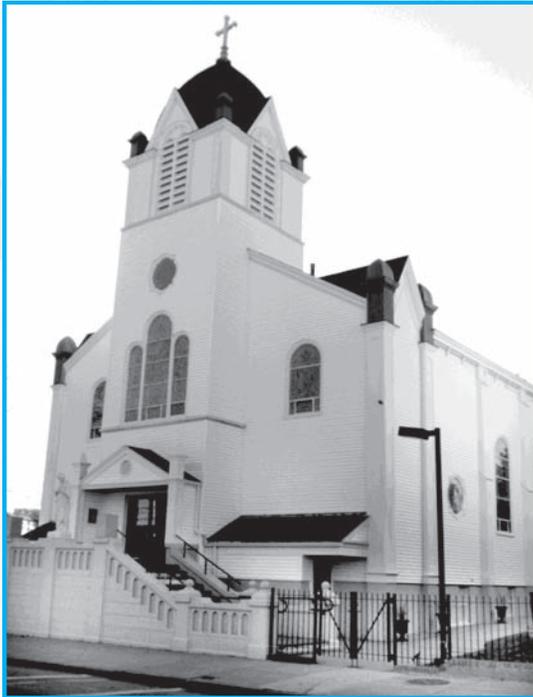


# The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Celebrating 113 Years:  
1905-2018**

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## **Conventual Franciscan Friars:**

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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

**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.

**ALL POLISH-FEST 2018 VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

who responded that they will be joining us this Wednesday evening, September 19th, will gather at **Cotali Mar Restaurant** at 6 o'clock.

The municipal parking lot adjacent to the restaurant is most convenient; enter the restaurant through the wrought-iron gate and patio. Our "L-shaped" parking lot will also be open.

Parishioner-volunteers who obtained affirmative responses from friends and family volunteers are asked, please, to inform them that our appreciation "get-together" will be at *Cotali Mar*.

**TWO FRANCISCAN FEASTS—St. Joseph of Cupertino and the Stigmata of St Francis--** will be celebrated this week.

According to his biographers, two years before his death, St. Francis of Assisi went to Mount La Verna to fast and pray for forty days in honor of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother and in preparation for the feast of Archangels Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. As he was praying, Jesus appeared to him. After spending time with Francis, Jesus departed, leaving on Francis' hands, feet, and side the sacred wounds of the Crucifixion as a mark of his exceptional holiness and of Christ's love for him.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, O.F.M. Conv., is most famous for levitating while at prayer. Although studies were very difficult for him, he gained a great deal of knowledge from prayer and was ordained a priest at the age of 25. His spiritual gift of levitation was often a cross for him, because some people would come to watch him as though they were at a circus sideshow. Joseph of Cupertino is renowned for his humility, patience, and obedience. He is the patron saint of students who find difficulty studying and also patron of air travelers, airline pilots, and astronauts.

**CHOOSE LIFE...**Abortion stops a beating heart.

Abortion advocates usually refer to the human being growing in his/her mother's womb in dehumanizing terms like "product of conception" and suggest that most abortions are done before fetal organs are functioning.

Actually, the vast majority are done after the fetal heart has begun beating. A baby's heart begins to beat about 21 or 22 days after fertilization. That's at about three weeks of development. The vast majority of abortions in the United States are done well after this point.

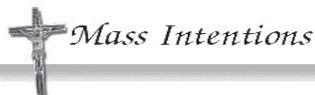
This Friday you are invited to join the nationwide effort of prayer (one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be) and fasting (e.g., one full meal and two smaller meals and no between-meal snacking) that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

**GOLUMBKI CHEFS,** both veteran and novice, are invited to the church kitchen this Tuesday morning for a golumbki-making session beginning about 8:30. Your helping hands will make a difference. No previous experience is necessary.

**ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH WELCOMES YOU**

to a **Family Fun Day** next Sunday, September 23rd, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on their parish grounds. There will be food, entertainment, crafters, book sale, yard sale, bake sale, raffles, games, and more! (Rain date, Sunday the 30th)

**LAST CALL...**Adult Confirmation classes begin this Wednesday at Bishop Stang High School and this Thursday at Holy Cross Church in Easton for any Catholic 18-years old or older who has not been confirmed. Registration is necessary. See Father Conrad if you would like to be part of the group who will be confirmed in November.

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

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

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

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

**Mon. – Sept. 17 - Stigmata of St. Francis**

**7:30 AM** OLPH Parishioners  
Living & Deceased

**Tues. - Sept. 18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino**

**7:30 AM** +Father Patrick Gallagher,  
O.F.M. Conv.

**Wed. - Sept. 19 - St. Januarius**

**7:30 AM** Special Intention

**Thurs. - Sept. 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong & Companions**

**7:30 AM** ++Soha Family

**Fri. - Sept. 21– St. Matthew**

**7:30 AM** Father Justin Biase O.F.M. Conv.  
One Year Anniversary

**Sat. - Sept. 22 - Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7:30 AM** +Adolph Andrejczyk

**Sat.– Sept. 22 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** +Jose Furtado  
Req. Family

**Sun– Sept. 23 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM** +Helena Bobrowiecki  
Req. Patricia Palys

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

One poll after another tells us that Mass attendance is down everywhere. Do we need to poll to convince us of this sad reality? Recently, the “reasons” listed below crossed my desk, and, while they made me smile, the point they make is serious.

**REASONS I NEVER  
GO TO MASS SHOWER**

1. I was forced to shower as a child.
2. People who shower are hypocrites. They think they are cleaner than everyone else.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap. I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to shower, but it got so boring. So, I stopped.
5. I shower only on special occasions, like Easter and Christmas.
6. None of my friends shower.
7. When I’m older and have gotten a little bit dirtier, I might start showering.
8. I really don’t have time to shower.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
10. People who make soap are only after your money.
11. I get along very well without showering.
12. I work hard all week and am too tired to take a shower on the weekend.
13. The first bar of soap I ever used gave me a rash, so I haven’t gone near soap since.

To counteract the secular-progressive ideology affecting so much of today’s culture, nothing is more powerful than genuine prayer and nothing more persuasive than authentic Christian example. May each of us be that prayerful exemplar to those in our circle who have stepped away from the practice of the Faith.

Peace and Blessings,  
Father Conrad