

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.

THE "GET-TOGETHER" for the Polish Fest Volunteer-Workers on Wednesday at *Cotali Mar Restaurante* was superb! Mr. Carlos Madeira, the owner, was present to ensure that everything, to the smallest detail, was handled with perfection. The meal was wonderful, the ambiance relaxing, and celebrating with family and friends unbeatable!

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES occurring during 2018 will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday afternoon, October 14th, at 3 o'clock in St. Mary Cathedral. All couples are cordially invited. But if you would like to receive an invitation, simply mention it to Father Conrad as soon as possible.

SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL will be celebrated throughout the Universal Church next Saturday. What is unique about these saints is that they are angels--actually archangels! While angelic messengers from God appear frequently in Sacred Scripture, only Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are named.

St. Michael is *"the great prince, guardian of God's people"* (Daniel 12.1). In the Book of Revelation (12.17), he is the leader of the angels in the battle with the Dragon and his angels. In our liturgy, St. Michael is the *"protector of the Church and the angel who escorts the souls of the faithful departed into heaven."*

In St. Luke's Gospel, **St. Gabriel** announces the birth of John the Baptist and announces to our Blessed Mother the conception, birth, and mission of Jesus (1.26-38).

St. Raphael, in the Book of Tobit, is the guardian of a journey (chapters 5 and 6), the healer of **Tobit's** blindness (11.1-15), and the expeller of demons (6.15-17).

When we ask these archangel-saints to unite their prayers with ours, they become our strong allies as we pray for God's spiritual and physical protection, discernment of His will, and His ongoing guidance.

OUR GOLUMBKI AND PIEROGI were so popular at the Polish Fest that there were hardly any left in the church freezers at the end of the weekend. More of both sought-after delicacies are again being prepared in preparation for our upcoming Spirit of Christmas Bazaar in November.

This Tuesday morning, the 25th, all pierogi chefs are asked to please come to the church hall around 8:30 or so to help replenish our cabbage pierogi supply.

And, golumbki chefs, please mark your calendars for the same time, same place, the following Tuesday, October 2nd.

CHOOSE LIFE!...A chief strategist for legalizing abortion lied about deaths from illegal abortion.

In his book, *Aborting America*, the late Dr. Bernard Nathanson acknowledged that, for political purposes, he and his associates invented the "nice, round shocking figure" of "5,000 to 10,000 deaths a year" from illegal abortions:

"I confess that I knew the figures were totally false, and I suppose the others did, too, if they stopped to think of it. But, in the 'morality' of our revolution, it was a useful figure, widely accepted, so why go out of our way to correct it with honest statistics?"

While any such death is a tragedy, research confirms that the actual number of maternal deaths resulting from abortion in the 25 years prior to 1973 actually averaged 250 a year.

Will you participate in the nationwide novena of prayer, which ends this Friday, by praying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be and fasting (e.g., offering a sacrifice), that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected by law and welcomed in life.

OUR BINGO VOLUNTEERS are always delighted to welcome additional team members. Just come on down to the church hall any Thursday evening from 4:45 to 6:45 or 6:30 to 9:30 if you can lend a hand. Your help will be very much appreciated.

**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

Mon.- Sept. 24 - Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Sept. 25 - Weekday

7:30 AM +Father William Costello

Wed. - Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:30 AM For God's Guidance
Req. Petitioner

Thurs. - Sept. 27 - St. Vincent dePaul

7:30 AM +Robert Kuhn

Fri. - Sept. 28- St. Wenceslaus

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

**Sat. - Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel
& Raphael**

7:30 AM +Anna Lesniak
Req. Family

**Sat.- Sept. 29 - 26th Sunday Ordinary
Time**

4:00 PM +Michael Robinson
(Month's mind)
Req. Ann Bodzioch Robinson
& Family

**Sun- Sept. 30 - 26th Sunday Ordinary
Time**

10:00 AM +Janina & +Mieczyslaw Kucharski
Req. Stasia Dziewit

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

A woman working alone in a convenience store was taking care of a line of customers. One impatient customer began to berate her for taking so long and even threatened to call her manager to get her fired. Another customer who had witnessed the rude behavior expressed his empathy for the **frazzled cashier and then offered her a "tip" for her conscientious service—a fifty-dollar bill!**

The kind of compassion that the second customer showed is cited many times in Sacred Scripture—both in the Old and New Testaments. Compassion is rooted in love. It means to feel with others, enter into their circumstances, be one with them in their pain, their hurt, or their joy and excitement.

Christian compassion is a desire for a new and better life for the sufferer and a willingness to share his/her pain. Christ is our first and best teacher of compassion, because He became one like us so that He could enter into all of our experiences, difficulties, joys, and hopes.

Compassion is a choice; it is a virtue that can be consciously developed. We are familiar with the "golden rule" taught by Jesus: *"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you"* (Matthew 7.12).

Sometimes, though, compassion can be blocked by anger or even misunderstanding. Recognizing what is causing the hindrance, then overcoming it, is what St. Paul refers to as being *"transformed by the renewal of your mind"* (Romans 12.2).

When seeing a need, an opportunity to help, our unhesitating response might be what philosopher William Penn (1644-1718) had in mind when he wrote, *"If there is any kindness I can show, any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."*

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad