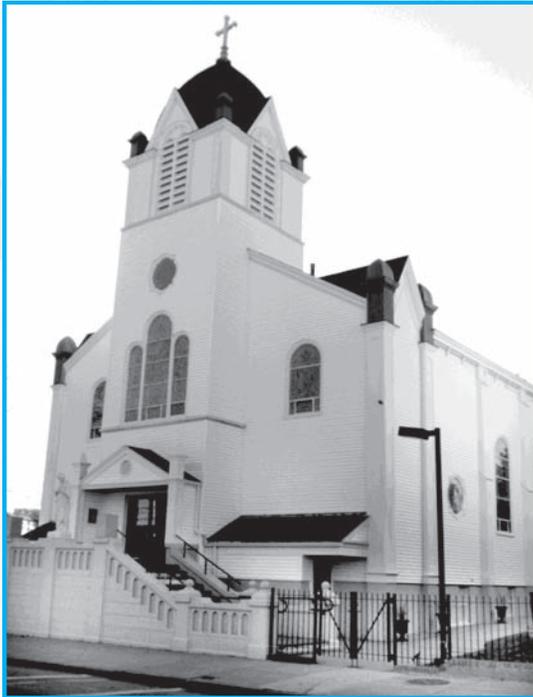


The Parish Family of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**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.

AUTUMN FEST AND SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be celebrated this year as a single event on Saturday, November 17th in our parish hall.

ALL DEDICATED PARISHIONERS are asked to come to a follow-up festival-planning meeting this Wednesday evening, September 5th, at 6:30 in our parish hall. Please come prepared with your thoughts and suggestions about making our festivals *even* better.

A NICE GIFT OR TWO—something that you would be happy to win—would greatly contribute to our popular 100-gift booth once again being a highlight of the festival. Your gift-donations may be brought to the rectory any time at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your goodness.

CHOOSE LIFE!... Even legal experts who support abortion believe Roe v. Wade is not well-reasoned and is a case of extreme judicial overreach.

--Attorney Edward Lazarus, former law clerk to **Roe's author, Justice Blackmun, put it this way:** "As a matter of constitutional interpretation and judicial method, Roe borders on the indefensible...[It is] one of the most intellectually suspect constitutional decisions of the modern era."

--Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Tribe criticized **Roe, saying:** "behind its own verbal smokescreen, the substantive judgment on which it rests is nowhere to be found."

--And then-Circuit Judge (now Justice) Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that **Roe "ventured too far in the charge it ordered and presented an incomplete justification for its action."**

Every Friday until September 28th, you are encouraged to join Catholics nationwide in praying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the legal protection of human life--and choose a way to fast (*e.g.,* perform an act of kindness).

THE CHURCH IS CELEBRATING these saints this week: even though **St. Gregory the Great**, will be overshadowed by Labor Day in many American and Canadian parishes this year, this Doctor of the Church lived a full and interesting life. He built six monasteries on his own estate, then became a Benedictine monk, was ordained a priest and then raised to the office of abbot. At age 50, Gregory was elected pope. He ransomed political prisoners and cared for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He is known for strengthening respect for Church doctrine and for his skill of applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners.

Even as a child, **St. Rose of Viterbo**, was drawn to prayer and aid to the poor. At the age of 10, she became a Secular Franciscan and began preaching in the streets about sin and the suffering of Jesus. **At that time, Rose's native city, Viterbo, was in revolt against the pope. When Rose took the pope's side against the emperor, she and her family were exiled from their city. Rose died at the age of 18, and two-hundred years after her death, she was canonized. Her body to this day remains incorrupt.**

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES during 2018 will be celebrated with a special Mass on Sunday, October 14th, at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral. All couples are invited. If you would like an invitation, just mention it to Father Conrad.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES, will be offered on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 19th at Bishop Stang High School (also six Thursdays beginning September 20th at Holy Cross Church in Easton). To register, see Father Conrad asap.

A CLAMBOIL, sponsored by the Polish Women's Business and Professional Club, will be served at **Lepage's Seafood in Westport on September 9th, from 4 to 8 o'clock. This is their annual** scholarship fund raiser. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Kathy Waldron (508-415-4328) until September 4th.

**Sat. – Sept. 1 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM +Fidele & +Marie Bourque
Req. Bourque Family

Sun. - Sept. 2 - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM +Fernando Monteiro
Req. Joan Cyr

Mon. – Sept. 3 - Labor Day

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners
Living & Deceased

Tues. - Sept. 4 - St. Rose of Viterbo

7:30 AM +Father Emmett Carroll,
O.F.M. Conv.

Wed. - Sept. 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

Thurs. - Sept. 6 - Weekday

7:30 AM Friars, Relatives, & Benefactors
Of the Franciscan Order,
Living & Deceased

Fri. - Sept. 7 - First Friday

7:30 AM God's Blessings
Req. Teresa Bafia

Sat. - Sept. 8 - Nativity of B.V.M.

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

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

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

On Labor Day weekend, as many people take a break from their jobs, we are invited to honor human work and all human workers. Although this is a secular holiday, Catholic Church teachings about the dignity of human work, in line with the New Testament, help us to better understand how we can view our *own* work, because it is done by us, who are created in the image and likeness of God.

St. Pope John Paul II often spoke about what he called "the gospel of work." (The word "gospel" means "good news.") In his encyclical, *On Human Work*, he presented a Christian vision of the dignity of human work and the worker: "*Work means any activity by man, whether manual or intellectual...to which he is predisposed by his very nature. Man is made to be...an image and likeness of God Himself. Work is one of the characteristics that distinguish man from the rest of creatures.*"

The Holy Father reminded us that "*Jesus was a man of work, and...the work of Nazareth constituted for Jesus a way to dedicate Himself to the 'affairs of the Father.'*"

The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs us that "*Work honors the Creator's gifts and talents received from Him,*" and "*Work united to Christ can be redemptive.*" This means that all work, not just so-called "religious" work, has redemptive value and sanctifies and changes the world.

Today's society seriously needs a strong Christian witness to the dignity and true value of all human work—derived from the dignity of every human person. Let's offer that witness by our personal Christian approach to work in our day to day lives.

Happy Labor Day!

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad