

# 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.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN** will be for two weeks; there will be no bulletin next weekend.

**ANNUAL RETREATS** are an important part of a priest's spiritual life. Father Conrad will be on retreat next week, Monday through Friday. While every OLPH parishioner is in my prayers every day, be assured of a double portion during my retreat. May I request an occasional whispered prayer, as well, from you?

**THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS FROM THE CHAPEL** have graciously agreed to be at your service for any emergencies until Father Conrad returns. Should the need for priestly ministry arise, you may reach the friars at 508-996-8274. (Father Conrad will be back for First Friday communion visits, *but in the afternoon.*)

**PARISH GOLUMBKI CHEFS** will meet in the church hall kitchen this Tuesday morning around 8:30 or so. New volunteers are especially encouraged to please come with helping hands. Your generosity will be appreciated.

**DEATH, ONE OF LIFE'S REALITIES**, is a topic that makes many people uncomfortable. And the busyness of day-to-day living prevents still others from giving it much thought or planning.

Have you informed your family about your funeral wishes? Have you put these in writing?

Unfortunately, in many instances today, family members who will be taking care of final arrangements do not cherish the same religious beliefs or church membership that their parent (spouse, etc.) does. Every practicing Catholic deserves the honor of a Mass of Christian Burial and the dignity of a proper Catholic Rite of Committal.

Please take the time to think about this and explain your wishes to your loved ones. Please do not put it off; it really is easier to speak about it **when you are not facing life's final hours. And you** might well be giving them the help your loved ones will appreciate when the Lord calls.

**THE CHURCH CELEBRATES** three notable feasts this week:

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus** (October 1st) entered the Carmelite Monastery at age 15 and devoted her life to doing all things with love and childlike trust in God. She performed small acts of kindness always, not caring how unimportant they seemed. She once wrote, *"...our Lord does not look so much on the greatness of our actions, nor even at the level of their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."*

**The Holy Guardian Angels** (October 2nd) are those heavenly spirits assigned to us by God to watch over us, guide us toward the good, and preserve us from evil all through our lives. Every one of us has a guardian angel. Jesus said, *"...their angels in heaven see the face of my Father"* (Mt. 18.10), making the existence of guardian angels a dogma of the Faith.

**St. Francis of Assisi** (October 4th) was born into a wealthy family and enjoyed the good life with his many friends. But a serious illness led him to a radical spiritual conversion, whereby he took the Gospel to heart, lived it as faithfully as humanly possible, and gave himself completely to Christ.



While praying before the crucifix in the chapel of San Damiano, he heard Jesus speak to him: *"Francis rebuild my Church."* After repairing the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, Francis realized that Jesus' message to him had a deeper meaning. Two years before his death at age 44, having totally conformed himself to Christ, he was blessed with the stigmata, the five painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side.

**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

**Monday, October 1- Friday, October 5**

no morning Mass this M-F

**Sat. – Oct. 6 - Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**

**7:30 AM** ++M/M Joseph Szulik  
Req. Raymond Szulik

**Sat. – Oct. 6 - 27th Sunday, Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** +Tadeusz & +Lucille Michalski  
Req. Bourque Family

**Sun. – Oct. 7 - 27th Sunday, Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM** +Rita Schemm  
Req. Sons, Tom & George

**Mon. – Oct. 8 - Columbus Day**

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

**Tues. – Oct. 9- St. John Leonardi**

**7:30 AM** +Monsignor John F. Moore

**Wed. – Oct. 10– Weekday**

**7:30 AM** +Carolyn Doyle

**Thur. – Oct. 11– St. John XXIII**

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

**Fri. – Oct. 12 - Weekday**

**7:30 AM** +Fernando Monteiro  
Req. Nancy Ann Kondziolka

**Sat. – Oct. 13– Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Sat. – Oct. 13– 28th Sunday, Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** +Ted Irzyk  
Req. Joan Cyr

**Sun. – Oct. 14– 28th Sunday, Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM** +Robert Cyr  
Req. Evelyn Bourque

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

This Monday will be the first day of Polish Heritage Month. Many Polish-Americans say "I am proud of my Polish heritage." But if someone asked you why, would you have a ready answer? "Hospitality" might be a good place to start. Poland is probably the only country where house guests are virtually "deified," as reflected by the saying, "*Gosc w domu, Bog w domu*" (a guest in the home is God in the home). In Poland, hosts typically exhibit "can't-do-enough-for-you" *goscinnosc*.

Moving on to another area, the valor of Polish freedom-fighters has, on several occasions, actually altered the course of European history. In the 20th century alone, the Polish armies under Marshal Jozef Pilsudski rolled back the bloody Bolshevik revolution across Europe; they impressed the Allies at Monte Cassino; and they stood up against overwhelming odds in the 1944 Warsaw Uprising. Polish fliers downed more Nazi planes per capita in the battle of Britain than the British. And, of course, steadfast Polish resistance to the Soviet-imposed regime eventually gave birth to the peaceful Solidarity movement, which led to the collapse of the Iron Curtain.

Traditional Polish attachment to religion and basic family values can bring a sense of peace and stability in today's society that is experiencing so much turbulence. Many of the time-honored traditions, especially those of the holidays and holy days, with the celebrations and foods unique to the occasions, serve to strengthen the familial bond.

The slogan, "*For your freedom and ours,*" has long expressed Polish solidarity with the underdog. Medieval Poland became a refuge for Jews and Protestants fleeing persecution in the West. Kosciuszko bequeathed his American estate for the liberation and education of black slaves; unfortunately, slave-owning Thomas Jefferson failed to carry out that bequest.

These are just a few things worth thinking about during Polish Heritage Month. Polish-Americans must never forget that they are descendents of a great nation whose contributions have made a positive imprint on mankind. Be proud of your roots, and share your heritage with family, friends, and the community at large.

*"Jeszcze Polska nie zginela...!"*

Father Conrad