



**HOLY TRINITY  
CATHEDRAL  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**(unless otherwise announced)**

**Sunday :** Holy Mass ..... 9:00 AM ..... In the English language

**Daily :** Morning Prayer ... 8:45 AM

Holy Mass ..... 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Second Sunday of the Month .... 8:15 AM

**Marriage:** 6 months prior arrangement

**Baptisms :** by appointment

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February 25, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
DRUGA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU**

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**Scripture Insights**

Our Markan passage today alludes to Jesus' resurrection. Although the lectionary text begins with movement, the biblical passage from which the reading is taken starts with a temporal reference ("After six days," Mark 9:2), and ends with repeated references to being risen/rising "from the dead" (Mark 9:9, 10). Peter, James, and John not only witnessed Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9:2), they also saw Jesus raising Jairus' deceased daughter (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43).

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**WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH**

If this is your first visit with us, please sign our guest register in the vestibule and join us for a cake and coffee fellowship that follows every Sunday Mass and on various feast days of the Church year.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Manchester and Southern New Hampshire community for 108 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrant community, and later for all residents of the Granite State. We hope to continue our growth in service to God and community. This commitment manifests itself in a regular devotional and prayer life and a greater participation in both ecumenical and community activities.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral PARISH, our primary emphasis is on the PARISH family. All who belong sense this family spirit - expressed in a real love and concern for one another. Our pastor makes a point to know each family on a one-to-one basis with frequent visits to family homes and to the hospitalized. Thus the spiritual health and vitality of all parishioners and all our friends is supported by both pastor and laity.

***We invite You to join our PARISH family!*** If you are looking for a PARISH and are considering Holy Trinity, feel free to talk with any parishioner about it. We will introduce you to our family in all its wonderful aspects - a family whose real strength lies in our personal and real relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We express this faith in our Church through our liturgy which is Catholic and traditional, shared between priest and laity. We demonstrate this faith in the prayerful material and emotional support we give one another. We share this faith in a Church rooted in Democratic principles, having a church constitution that gives laity full rights and due process in matters financial, administrative and material.

OUR PARISH...firm in faith, Catholic, democratic, and OPEN to the growth that comes as more join our family.

**MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!**

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

*(Unless otherwise announced - Many meetings cancelled due to Covid-19)*

**Parish Committee Meeting** every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

**The Cemetery Committee** meets as needed

**Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Collectors ministries** as announced in the bulletin

**Moms in Prayer** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the rectory

**Membership and Outreach Team** meets as announced in the bulletin

**Ladies Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament** meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass (September - June)

**Holy Trinity Seniors** will resume at a later date

**The Frederick Chopin Choir** rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and holds meetings as announced

**Adult Bible Study** - Bi-weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM Zoom & In Person

**Parishioners Prayer Group** - Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Craft Room

## EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to increase attendance and membership to Holy Trinity Cathedral by fostering a welcoming and respectful environment, where individuals and families can explore and achieve spiritual fulfillment.

We are looking for ideas, any ideas, that can stimulate and increase participation in both the worship and parochial life of Holy Trinity Parish. Is there something you have seen, or experienced in another Church that you think might work well here? Have you had an idea for some time, but were afraid to share it? If you have an idea, no matter what it may be, please pray over it and then share it with either:

Mr. Ray Pieczarka 603-472-5874 or Bishop Paul 603-622-4524.

### WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

You are most welcome and your presence is appreciated. All are invited to share in worship and, after Mass, our fellowship. If the people around you fail to say "hello" first, go up to them and say "Hi!" And don't feel awkward. We've all been in those shoes at one time or another. We want you to join us. **So Welcome Home!**



Make Our Guests Welcome

### HTC Membership and Outreach Team Is Inviting YOU

#### Join in an outreach

Our Parish Evangelism Team will be reorganizing in the near future. Known as the "Membership and Outreach" Team, our hope is that a number of our parishioners would like to be a part of an exciting opportunity to help develop programs and liturgies that will spread the Word to others outside our community, and also engage in Internal Evangelism within our parish family.

If **YOU** are interested in reaching out to others for the Lord you are invited to contact either Ray Pieczarka at (603) 472-5874 or Bishop Paul at 622-4524.

IN BISHOP'S ABSENCE AND FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY,  
PLEASE CALL FATHER ANDRZEJ TENUS OF ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH IN  
LOWELL, MA. PH. # (978) 453-0742

### SAINT COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

We invite our readers to continue reading the history of the lives of the saints that are remembered by the Church this week. Follow the hyperlink below to learn to learn about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

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### Sunday, February 18th, 2024 -

We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Banana Bread, Cranberry Tea Bread, Bagels and Cream Cheese); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Wendy Thomas (Date Nut Cookies, Fresh Fruit); Bakery Treats (Mini Blueberry Muffins); Joanne Palys (Almond-Free Almond Cake, Mini Beignets).

As always, thanks also to all who donated towards cake & coffee offerings



Check out our diocesan website:

[www.easterndiocesepncc.com](http://www.easterndiocesepncc.com)

You can reach it on your computer or with your smart phone.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - LIKE US AT:

<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitycathedralpncc>

We have our own website up and running with Larry Gagnon as webmaster:

<http://www.holytrinitypncc.org/>



Polish National Catholic Church

"through the years..."

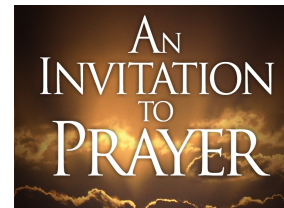
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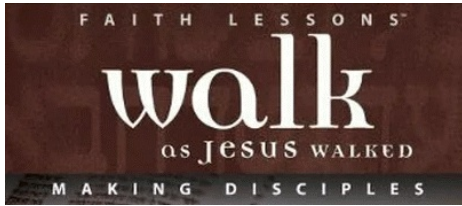
### SOUP FOR SENIORS

Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to nine pints of *Roasted Red Pepper Soup and Cream of Broccoli Soup* through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. **Karen Sobiechowski** provided the nine pints of soup. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.

What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week. The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required. You only need to show up. Contact Karen Sobiechowski for questions or if you would like to participate.



**OUR PARISH ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is a Zoom & face to face study in the Craft Room. The next scheduled study date will be announced in a future bulletin.

Studies generally last one hour to one and one half hours. If you want to join in the study in person, simply

show up. If you join in on Zoom you'll need to ask Bishop Paul for the Zoom link. Study sheets will be sent to all our HTC internet family prior to the study.

**TODAY** we ask our parish family to pray for:

**Rev. Krzysztof Mendelewski,**  
his family and the faithful of  
**Saint Joseph's Parish**  
**Davie, Florida**  
and

**Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich,**  
his family and the faithful of  
**Blessed Trinity Parish**  
**Fall River, Massachusetts.**

We ask God to bless them in their parochial life and the work they do in their local community. We ask you to pray each day that God would bless and increase their work of evangelism and Christian sharing.



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**LECTIONARY READINGS - SECOND WEEK OF LENT**

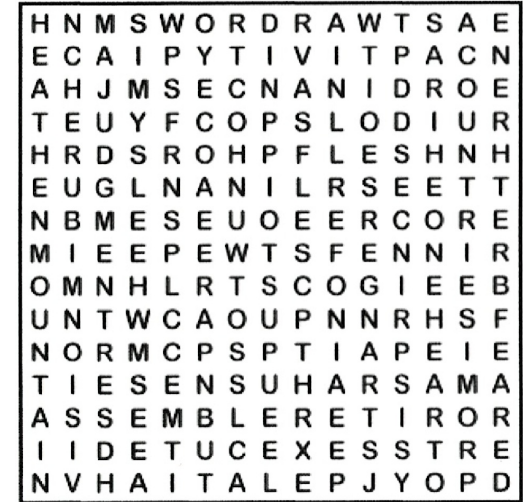
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| <b>Mon.</b> Daniel 9: 4 - 10<br>Luke 6: 36 - 38   | <b>Thu.</b> - Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10<br>Luke 16: 19 - 31                            |
| <b>Tue.</b> - Isaiah 1: 10, 16 - 20<br>Matthew 23: 1 - 12   | <b>Fri.</b> - Genesis 37: 3 - 4, 12 - 13, 17- 28<br>Matthew 21: 33 - 43, 45 - 46 |
| <b>Wed.</b> - Jeremiah 18: 18 - 20<br>Matthew 20: 17 - 28   | <b>Sat.</b> - Micah 7: 14 - 15, 18 - 20<br>Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32               |
| <b>Next Sun.</b> - Exodus 20: 1 - 17 / Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11<br>1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25 / John 2: 13 - 25 |  |

**Bible Word Search:**

**A NEW SPIRIT**

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to spell the *Mystery Word*. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

- Assemble
- Captivity
- Countries
- Executed
- Flesh
- Idols
- Judgment
- Mountain
- One heart
- O Son of Man
- Pelatiah
- Possession
- Promise
- Sanctuary
- Statutes
- Sword
- Brethren
- Cherubim
- Eastward
- Feared
- Heathen
- Jerusalem
- Mischief
- New Spirit
- Ordinances
- People
- Princes
- Prophecy
- Scattered
- Strangers
- Vision
- Wheels

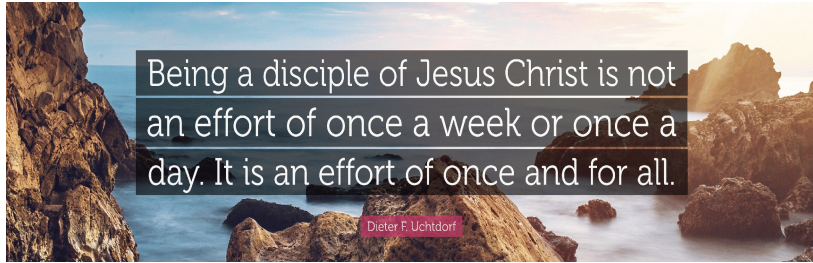


**The 2024 contributions envelopes are here and are located on a table on the first floor, outside the elevator. Please pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience!**

**Thank you.**

**Ray Pieczarka - Parish Committee Chairperson**





**A New Portrait of God**

The godly deeds of the Peace Prayer illumine a new portrait of God. In a world made gloomy by the image of a warrior God or a vengeful God or a picayune God, godly deeds are incarnations of “the Father of lights” (James 1:17). Helping the elderly neighbor with grocery shopping, accepting someone despite his or her lifestyle, deciding to recycle, valiantly ministering to the sick during a pandemic, contributing to a charitable organization, encouraging someone with a pat on the back, and refusing to strike back in violence all witness to how God uses his instruments and servants to express and reflect the divine care, concern, and compassion for creation. God is the source of all deeds of light, and his vibrant presence mysteriously glistens behind them. Godly deeds also illumine the familial relationship we share with one another. We are family—brothers and sisters to one another. “But if we walk in the light as [Jesus] is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another...” (1 John 1:7). Following in the footsteps of the Lord and Divine Master is never a solitary affair. In the Peace Prayer, we pray to sow light in the midst of darkness. That light comes from the flame of faith that has illumined our paths since the day of our baptism. The Peace Prayer reminds us to brighten the lives of others with deeds that manifest our familial bonds as children of a loving, forgiving God who, in the words of Francis of Assisi, is reflected in Brother Sun.

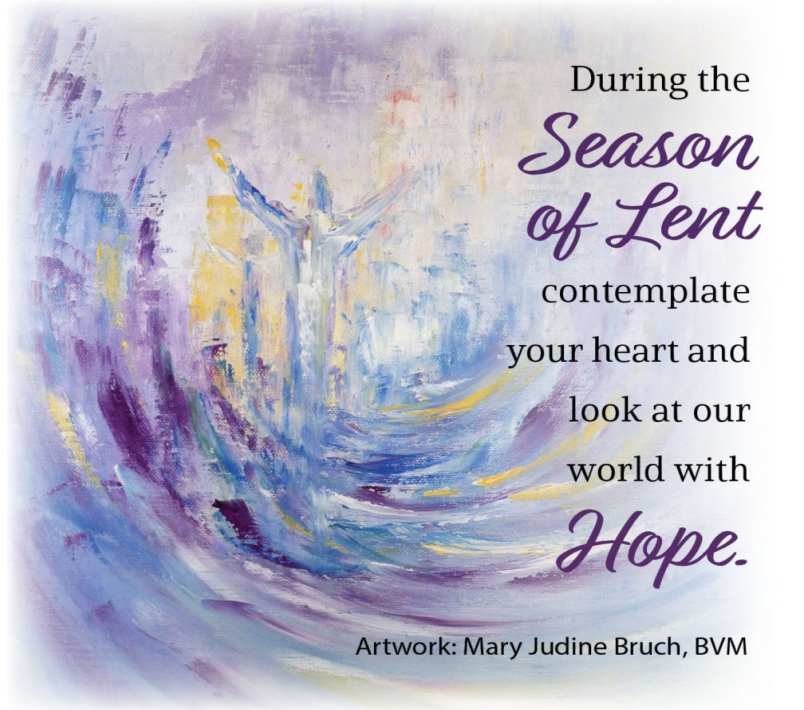
—from the book *Soul Training with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis*  
by Albert Haase, OFM

During the rest of February and all through March, the membership and outreach team will be accepting donations to be included in **Blessing Bags for the Homeless.** (See photo)

Personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, first aid kit, comb, hygiene items, soap, washcloth) and small snacks are just a few of the things that would be appropriate.



**ALMS BOXES ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY EACH DAY OF LENT. ALMS OFFERINGS WILL BE RETURNED ON PALM SUNDAY. THE MONEY WILL THEN BENEFIT A LOCAL CHARITY, TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PARISH COMMITTEE. PLEASE, GIVE GENEROUSLY!**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:**

All clergy serve in the United States Army  
COL. Father Andrew Bilinski  
LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski  
CPT. Father Joseph Kolek  
CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus



**Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving**

MSG. Aleka Ramoutar	ARMY	REMEMBER
Major. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY	THOSE
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE	WHO SERVE
Alyssa Oxley	AIR FORCE	
Vincent Manzella	AIR FORCE	
Gregory Walsh	MARINE CORPS	
James Pidgeon	MARINE CORPS	
Andrew Drada	MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD	
Tyler Gardner	NAVY	
Ian and Cody Gonyea	NAVY	
Matthew Paluszek	COAST GUARD	

## PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

In the Hospital:

### Clergy Who Are ill:

**Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak** in Westfield, MA  
**Father Paul Zomerfeld** serving in Johnstown, PA  
**Father Senior Augustin Sicard** in San Antonio, TX



### In nursing homes & rehab centers:

**Charlotte Raczka** at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH  
**Barbara Bukowski** at Villa Crest Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH  
**Frances Dobosz** at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH  
**Vudge Ambrose** at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH

### at home:

**David Matuszek** at home in Lyndeborough, NH  
**Emilia DeVore** at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH  
**Phyllis Piecuch** at home in Manchester, NH  
**Nancy Montplaisir** at home in Manchester, NH  
**David Greene** at home in Temple Terrace, FL  
**Meg Sheha** in Hollywood, FL



**February 2024**  
Let's pray for our parish families  
every Wednesday at Noon:

My Lord and my God, hear my prayers for the well-being of my parish family. Grant us Your grace and all that is necessary for the spiritual growth and welfare of our congregation. Enlighten and guide my pastor and all who minister to the needs of Your people. Strengthen and awaken in us a living faith; comfort and heal the sick, lonely, and brokenhearted; soften those who are contentious or stubborn; awaken the indifferent, and rescue the fallen. Lord, help us to continue to proclaim Your truth. Unite us with Christ in like-mindedness of purpose. I ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen. † (from the PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



PNCC Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

MARY ANN KISKA

in loving memory of my husband, Stanley Kiska

If you would like to help your parish and be acknowledged for your gift consider sponsoring the weekly bulletin. For a \$ 100 donation (*increased costs*) we will acknowledge your sponsorship and the \$1,200 we can raise annually we hope to generate will just about cover the cost of our bulletin. Please consider sponsoring one month today.

MARCH 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by DAVID and LAURIE GREENE

in loving memory of our deceased parents and siblings.

APRIL 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by EDWARD RACZKA

in loving memory of Wanda, John and Stanley Raczka

MAY 2024 & 2025 & 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROL JUTRAS & FAMILY

in loving memory of my husband Raymond and mother Mary Zukosky

JUNE 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by PAULINE PIECUCH

in loving memory of my loving husband Eugene Piecuch

JULY 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by BRIAN DUPLESSIS

in loving memory of wife Leslie

AUGUST 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT

in loving memory of Tillie and Chester Kaminski

SEPTEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JOSEPH KOMISAREK

in loving memory of wife Louise and son Daniel Komisarek

OCTOBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JACQUELINE SZOPA

in loving memory of my aunt and uncle, Valerie and Benedict Grzybowski

NOVEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JACQUELINE SZOPA

in loving memory of my husband Dr. Ronald F. Szopa

DECEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by LISA FARMER

in loving memory of her deceased grandparents Frank and Laura Pirok.

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM ??

## MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

\* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

**THIS SUNDAY, February 25th, 2024 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**DRUGA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU**

**Memorial of Tarasius of Constantinople - Bishop, Confessor**

8:30 AM Holy Mass (Note: Time Change) Father Andrzej Tenus celebrates

Prayer Intention:

open intention

9:45 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

MONDAY, February 26th, (Poniedziałek)

**Memorial of Victor - Priest, Hermit**

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the parishes of our diocese

TUESDAY, February 27th, (Wtorek)

**Memorial of Leander of Seville - Bishop**

Today we pray for for God's blessings upon all the clergy of our diocese and their families

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

1:00 PM PNCC Bishops' Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 28th, (Środa)

**Memorial of the Holy Martyrs of the Alexandrian Pestilence - Martyrs**

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the faithful of the Eastern Diocese and all the faithful of the PNCC who are ill.

12:00 PM Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church

6:00 PM Bitter Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) - Part 3

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 29th, (Czwartek)

**Memorial of Hilary of Rome- Bishop**

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the work and spiritual direction of this cathedral parish of the Eastern Diocese

11:30 PM Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family in the craft room

6:30 PM National Youth Commission Zoom Meeting

FRIDAY, March 1st, (Piątek)

**Memorial of Swithbert - Bishop**

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the sub-central organizations and *societies of the Eastern Diocese*

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Liturgy

SATURDAY, March 2nd, (Sobota)

**Memorial of Charles the Good - Martyr**



MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 3rd, 2024, (Niedziela Przyszła)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TRZECIA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU**

**Memorial of Emeterius and Chelidonius - Martyrs**

**Bishop Daniel Cyganowski (d. 1983)**

9:00 AM Deacon's Liturgy for the Sunday led by Deacon Justin Daviault

Prayer Intention:

open intention

9:45 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH 2023**

**Tue. Mar. 5** - HTC Bible Study "in person" & Zoom - craft room - 7:00 PM

**Wed. Mar. 6** - **Bishop Jan Dawidziuk (sp. 2012)**  
*Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family* - 12:00 PM

*Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 1* - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

**Thu. Mar. 7** - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 11:30 AM

**Fri. Mar. 8** - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM

**Sun. Mar 10** - **INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC**  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM**  
*Holy Mass* - 9:00 AM

Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM

**Mon. Mar 11** - Eastern Diocese Joint Zoom Meeting of the Mission & Evangelism Commission (6:30 PM) and the Strategic Planning Commission - 7:00 PM

**Tue. Mar. 12 - Wed, Mar. 13** - Doctrine Commission Meeting - National Church Center - Scranton, PA - Bishop Paul attends via Zoom

**Tue. Mar 12** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

**Wed. Mar 13** - *Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family* - 12:00 PM

*Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 2* - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

**Thu. Mar 14** - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 11:30 AM

*Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Adult Zoom Study - "Christian Family" - led by Father Pawel Lukaszewicz* - 7:00 PM




**Fri. Mar 15** - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM

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**DURING LENT WE ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS. THIS CALL TO FAST IS NOT OPTIONAL.**

COMING EVENTS (continued)

- Sun. Mar 17 - **PASSION SUNDAY**  
*Holy Mass*  
**Saint Patrick's Day - U.S.A.**  
*Holy Mass - 9:00 AM*  
*Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick conferred after Mass*  
*this Sunday*  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
Council 303 P.N.A. Easter Raffle drawing (at Holy Cross Parish - Central Falls, RI  
Northeast Seniorate "Meal in the Upper Room" - Blessed Trinity Parish, - Fall River, MA. - 4:00 PM
- Mon. Mar 18 - National Mission Commission Zoom Meeting
- Tue. Mar. 19 - **SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH - SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M.**  
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
- Wed. Mar. 20 - **Bishop Anthony Rysz (d. 2015)**   
*Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family* - 12:00 PM  
*Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 3-* 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - choir loft - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Mar. 21 - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 6:30PM  
Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Fri. Mar 15 - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM 
- Sun. Mar. 24 - **PALM SUNDAY**  
*Holy Mass & Blessing and Distribution of Palms* - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
Frederick Chopin Choir Kielbasa Sale Pick Up Day
- Mon. Mar. 25 - **HOLY MONDAY**
- Tue. Mar. 26 - **HOLY TUESDAY**  
**CHRISM MASS** - *We host this Diocesan liturgy with all our clergy present and a dinner following* - 4:30 PM
- Wed. Mar. 27 - **HOLY WEDNESDAY**   
*Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family* - 12:00 PM  
**TENEBRAE LITURGY** - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Mar. 28 - **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
6:00 PM - *MASS OF HOLY THURSDAY - suppression of organ & bells, translation of Eucharist to Altar of Repose, Vespers and stripping of Altar*  
Pot Luck Dinner after Mass followed by preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday and Holy Saturday  
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COMING EVENTS (continued)

- Fri. Mar 29 - **GOOD FRIDAY**   
12:00 PM *LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED*  
*- Reading of the Passion according to St. John, Adoration of the Cross, translation of the Eucharist to the Altar, Communion, translation of the Eucharist to the second Altar of Repose, Compline*  
02:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
03:00 PM **SYMBOLIC REPOSITION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**  
06:00 PM **THREE-FOLD BITTER LAMENTATIONS**  
**LAMENTATIONS OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE HYMN - GOODNIGHT**
- Sat. Mar. 30 - **HOLY SATURDAY**   
03:00 PM **BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**  
06:00 PM *LITURGY OF BLESSINGS - Lighting the New Fire, Blessing the Paschal Candle, Reading of the Exhortations, blessing water, preparing baptismal water, renewal of baptismal vows, asperges, Litany of the Saints*
- Sun. Mar. 31 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION - EASTER SUNDAY**  
08:00 AM *OPENING OF THE GRAVE, PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH, TE DEUM LAUDAMUS, ADORATION OF THE CROSS, THE "GLORIA" AND THE RESURRECTION MASS.*  
*Blessing of Easter Baskets follows the Mass*
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The Old Testament Scriptures promise that God will send a new prophet who is like Moses or like Elijah (Deuteronomy 18:15; 34:10; Malachi 3:23), so their appearance and conversation with Jesus may point to Jesus as that promised prophet. The presence of Moses and Elijah can also be seen as referring to a coming prophet because there is no tomb for either of them, so their appearance speaks again to the resurrection.

In Mark's telling, Peter proposes to build "three tents" because he is terrified (Mark 9:5—6). Peter's response to Jesus' first passion prediction in Mark's Gospel caused Jesus to rebuke him and address him as "Satan" (Mark 8:31-33). Just as Peter's earlier folly did not disqualify him from seeing Jesus' transfiguration, this mistake will not result in his abandonment.

Instead of speaking nonsense out of fear, Peter should "listen" to what Jesus tells him (Mark 9:7): namely, Jesus' prediction of His death and resurrection (Mark 9:9—10). As Peter's failure in Mark 8 shows, the way of the cross is difficult to accept, but death must come before resurrection. This may also explain Jesus' command for silence, including in this passage: Peter, James, and John are not to say

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anything about Jesus' transfiguration until after Jesus' resurrection. Otherwise, Jesus might be mistaken for one who comes in glory and power without the cross.

- What would the way of the cross mean today?
- What do we as a Church tend to say or do out of fear and terror?
- In what ways could we be following a Christ without the way of the cross?

**Practice of Hope**

Jesus' sudden transformation bewilders His closest disciples, who would be able to make sense of it only after Jesus' resurrection.

- What memorable experience of God have you had? How has your understanding of that moment changed over time? How does that moment sustain you during difficult times?
- Once the disciples understood what Jesus' transfiguration meant, they might have recalled it when they needed the strength to persevere in the face of adversity. Spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Gaze upon Christ, who gave himself for you and intercedes for you.
- Abraham acknowledges that Isaac, like all of God's promises, is a gift, undeserved and unearned. Consider all that you claim as yours. Do you have something that someone else needs? What would it cost you to give some of what you have away?

**Questions**

- Paul confidently asserts that nothing can separate us from God's love, but sometimes things can prevent us from recognizing and feeling His love. When do you find it hard to recognize God's love?
- The story in the first reading, sometimes called the binding of Isaac, has troubled and confounded many over the centuries. What is the most difficult aspect of the story to accept?
- Jesus was deeply steeped in the history of His people, symbolized here by Moses and Elijah, who represent the law and prophets. What aspects of your history do you understand best? Who in your ancestry helps you understand yourself better?

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**Activities**

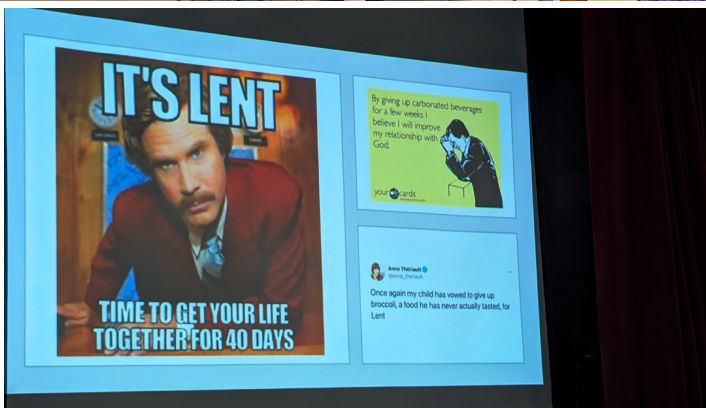
- Write down your five greatest fears. Then, next to them, write how Jesus can be the antidote to each one.
- Has anyone ever substituted for you by taking the blame or accepting a responsibility that should have been yours? In fewer than 300 words, write the story of how that person stood in for you and accepted your fate.
- Make a sign to post in some corner of your home or apartment that reads, "Mount Tabor." Try to reserve that area as a place to go when you need an experience of God's awesome, overwhelming presence. Make sure you spend time there at least once a week.



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