



**HOLY TRINITY  
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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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April 21, 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
PIĄTA NIEDIELA WIELKANOCNA**

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John 15 is part of a longer discourse by Jesus (John 14—17) to help prepare his disciples for His death. Today's Gospel reading revolves around three figures: God as the vine grower, Jesus as the vine, and Jesus' followers as the branches. We are invited to "remain" in Jesus, which appears eight times (four times in John 15:4; once in John 15:5 and 15:6; twice in John 15:7), and to "bear fruit," which appears six times (thrice in John 15:2; once in John 15:4, 15:5, and 15:8).

The verb translated as "remain" also appears in John 14,

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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 109 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!**



### 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.

[https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163\\_059\\_894723911](https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163_059_894723911)

**Sunday, April 21st** - We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese, Apple Brownies); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit Bowl, Streusel Coffee Cake); Betty Pasiaka (Brown Sugar Coffee Cake with Strawberries, Carrot Cake Muffins with Cream Cheese Frosting); Joanne Palys (Lemon Danish); Darlene Wyskiel (Blueberry Muffins and Mini Donuts).



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

Check out our diocesan website:

[www.easterndioocesepncc.com](http://www.easterndioocesepncc.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..."

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

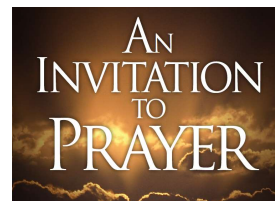
12 - Will Thomas    13 - Jacqui Szopa    13 - Oliver Swiadak  
28 - Joan Pazdon

### SOUP FOR SENIORS

Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pints of **Italian Sausage and Potato Soup (Lisa Farmer)** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.

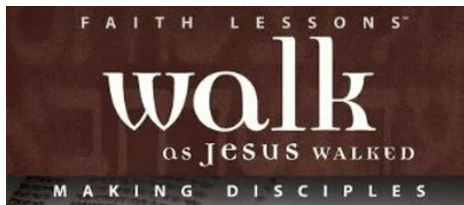


What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



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 will be this **Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM.**

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:

**Father Captain Józef Kolek,**  
his family and those military  
he serves at the  
**Soldier Recovery Unit**  
in **Fort Stewart, Georgia**  
and **Father Adam Czarnecki**  
his family and the faithful of  
**Saint Valentine's Parish,**  
**Northampton, 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.

**LECTIONARY READINGS - FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

<b>Mon.</b> - Acts 14: 5 - 18 John 14: 21 - 26	<b>Thu.</b> - Acts 15: 7 - 21 John 15: 9 - 11
<b>Tue.</b> - Genesis 1:26 - 2:3 Matthew 13: 54 - 58	<b>Fri.</b> - Acts 10: 34 - 43 / 1 Cor. 1:18 - 25 John Mark 8: 31 - 34
<b>Wed.</b> - 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 8 John 14: 6 - 14	<b>Sat.</b> - Acts 16: 11 - 15 John 15: 26 - 16:4
<b>Next Sun.</b> - Acts 10: 25 - 26, 34 - 35, 44-48 / Psalm 98: 1, 2 - 3, 3 - 4 1 John 4: 7 - 10 / John 15: 9 - 17	



Through the month of April, the membership and outreach team is accepting **donations of baby supplies** for Our Place, a ministry of Catholic Charities, NH. Our Place provides education and material support to young Moms.

Our Place provides parents in need with items they wouldn't have to buy, so they can focus on bills and other payments.

**Bible Word Search:**

**DAVID'S CENSUS**

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.

- Altar
- Beg
- Census
- Dan
- Dead
- Elders
- Enough
- Facedown
- Fighting
- Full price
- God
- Guilt
- Jerusalem
- King
- Obedience
- Report
- Sackcloth
- Seer
- Wheat
- Araunah
- Calamity
- Commander
- David
- Destroy
- Enemies
- Evil
- Famine
- Four sons
- Gad
- Grieved
- Israel
- Joab
- Multiply
- Oxen
- Repulsive
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- Servant
- Withdraw

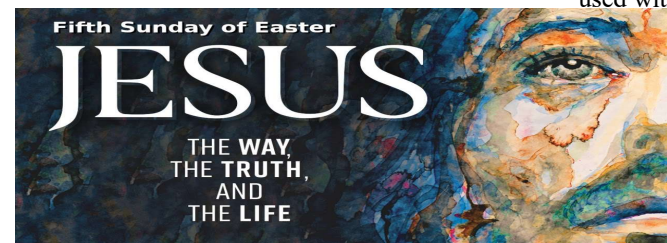


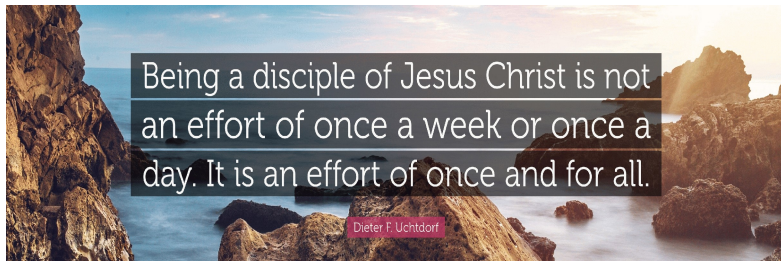
- Shekels
- Wood
- Sword
- Three days

**Church Mice**



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**Enter the Flow**

There is a foundational pattern of giving and receiving in every aspect of the universe—modeled on the very shape of God as Trinity. Once we have a dynamic waterwheel of outflowing love, as St. Bonaventure called it, it flows in only one direction: always positive, always giving, always outpouring, where there is no possibility of anger, unlove, wrath, or hatred in God. The doctrine of the Trinity was developed to order to move us to the dynamic principle of three, where there is always movement forward. But the ego naturally pulls us back into the principle of two, which is inherently comparative, competitive, and antagonistic, and usually either/or. Trinity undoes that. All we can do is jump into the flow and allow it to happen. The only way of really jumping in is through standing in love—even in our mind.

—from the book ***Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation***  
by Richard Rohr, OFM

**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
- Frances Dobosz* at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH
- Vudge Ambrose* at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH

**at home:**

- Joseph Komisarek* at home in Bedford, NH
- 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
- Meg Sheha* in Hollywood, FL



**Clergy serving 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**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 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                 |           |

April 2024 Join us in prayer each Wednesday at noon:

† O Lord Jesus Christ, before Your passion and death You prayed to Your Father for the Apostles “so that they may be one, even as We are one...so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” Reveal to the members of Your Church the peace, love and unity that comes through living in accordance with Your Word. Good Shepherd, lead us and make us one flock, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. † (from the PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)



**O Sacrament of Love!  
O sign of Unity!  
O bond of Charity!  
He who would have Life  
finds here indeed  
a Life to live in  
and a Life to live by.**  
*St Augustine*

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.



This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

EDWARD RACZKA

in loving memory of Wanda, John and Stanley Raczka.

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.

*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.*

*JANUARY 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT*

*in loving memory of Joan Kaminski*

*APRIL 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by DIANE BIELIZNA*

*in loving memory of my mother Caroline, Father Stanley W, and brother + friend Stanley Bielizna and in loving memory of my Aunt Charlotte and Uncle Matthew Albin*

*DECEMBER 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT*

*in loving memory of Tillie and Chester Kaminski*

*And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??*



## MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

\* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

**THIS SUNDAY, April 28th, 2024 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**PIĄTA NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA**

**Memorial of Theodora and Didymus - *Martyrs***

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

sp. John H. Heaney III (40th wedding anniv.) int. wife Phyllis

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

3:00 PM 100th Anniversary Celebration - Holy Saviour Parish - Naugatuck, CT.

**MONDAY, April 29th, (Poniedziałek)**

**Memorial of Hugh the Great - *Abbot***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese

**TUESDAY, April 30th, (Wtorek)**

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**Memorial of Maximus - *Martyr***

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the clergy of the Eastern Diocese and their families

1:00 PM PNCC Bishops' Bi-Weekly Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM HTC Adult Bible Face-to-Face/Zoom Study - craft room

**WEDNESDAY, May 1st, (Środa)**

**FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

**Memorial of the Peregrine Laziose - *Penitent***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the faithful of the Eastern Diocese and the entire PNCC who are ill

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

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

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**THURSDAY, May 2nd, (Czwartek)**

**Memorial of Waldebert - Abbot**

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

Thanksgiving on the 45th Anniversary of Ordination of Bishop Paul and Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak for God's blessings upon all the work and spiritual direction of this cathedral parish of the Eastern Diocese

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

11:30 AM Greater Manchester Clergy Association Meeting - Blessed Sacrament RC Church - Bishop Paul attends

**FRIDAY, May 3rd, (Piątek)**

**SOLEMNITY - FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Memorial of Juvenal of Narni - Bishop**

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

**SATURDAY, May 4th, (Sobota)**

**Memorial of Gordardof Hildesheim - Bishop**

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the upon all the Youth of our Eastern Diocese that the gifts of the Holy Spirit would be lavished upon them, producing the many fruits of the same Holy Spirit

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 5th, (Niedziela Przyszła)**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SZÓSTA NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA**

**Memorial of Aventinus of Tours - Deacon, Martyr**

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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Next Sunday Bishop Paul and Karen will leave immediately after Mass and drive to McKeesport, PA to take part in the meeting of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission. They will return late Wednesday.

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY 2024**

- Wed. May 1** - **FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**  
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church 12:00 PM  
**MAY DEVOTIONS** - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. May 2** - Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family - 11:30 AM
- Fri. May 3** - **SOLEMNITY - FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS**
- Sun. May 5** - **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Sunday Liturgy**  
Cake & Coffee Reception - 10:15 AM
- Mon. May 6** - **Wed. May 8** - National Mission and Evangelism Commission Meeting  
Takes place in Holy Family Parish, McKeesport, PA (Bishop Paul and Kren attend)
- Thu. May 9** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  
Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family - 11:30 AM  
Eastern Diocese "Know Your Faith - Grow in Christ" Zoom Study Series - **Prayer and Meditation** - Rev. Krzysztof Rogalski leads - 7:00 PM
- Sun. May 12** - **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Holy Mass** - 09:00 AM  
A.N.S. Spring Garden Basket Raffle Drawing and Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by the Frederick Chopin Choir - 10:30 AM
- Mon. May 13** - Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism & Strategic Planning Commission Zoom Meetings - 6:30 PM
- Tue. May 14** - Moms in Prayer Meets in the Rectory - 7:30 AM  
HTC Adult Bible Study (Face-to-Face/Zoom) - 7:00 PM
- Wed. May 15** - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church 12:00 PM  
**MAY DEVOTIONS** - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. May 16** - Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family - 6:30 PM  
Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM  
National Youth Commission Zoom Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Sat. May 18** - Eastern Diocese A.N.S. Convention - Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, RI
- Sat. May 18** - **ARMED FORCES DAY - U.S.A.**
- Sun. May 19** - **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**Holy Mass** - 09:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception - 10:15 AM

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## COMING EVENTS (cont.)

- Mon. May 20 - Wed. May 22** - PNCC / RC Dialogue Meeting hosted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis - *Bishop Paul will attend*
- Tue. May 21** - Moms in Prayer Meets in the Rectory - 7:30 AM
- Wed. May 22** - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church 12:00 PM  
*MAY DEVOTIONS* - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. May 23** - *JEROME SAVONAROLA - Martyred 1498*  
Parishioners Praying for the Parish Family - 11:30 AM
- Fri. May 24** - *Funeral of David Greene* - 11:00 AM
- Sun. May 26** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY SUNDAY**  
*Holy Mass* - 09:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception - 10:15 AM
- Mon. May 27** - **MEMORIAL DAY - NATIONAL HOLIDAY**  
*HOLY MASS at Holy Trinity Cemetery - 10:00 AM*
- Tue. May 28** - Moms in Prayer Meets in the Rectory - 7:30 AM  
HTC Adult Bible Study (Face-to-Face/Zoom) - 7:00 PM
- Wed. May 29** - *MAY DEVOTIONS* - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. May 30** - *SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI*  
Parishioners Praying for the Parish Family - 11:30 AM

## JUNE - SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH

- Sat. Jun 1** - Eastern Diocese Council Zoom Meeting - 10:00 AM
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"places" for people to remain or "dwell" (John 14:2) and the divine remaining with or dwelling with Jesus (John 14:10). "Remain," then, refers to a relationship in which one feels at home, and it signifies the intimate and mutual love that exists between the Father and Jesus.

Fruitfulness as the result of "remaining" is also emphasized. The passage explains that the vine grower prunes to bring about growth and abundance. Moreover, bearing fruit is identified as a mark of discipleship (John 15:2, 8).

The imperatives in this passage—to "remain" (John 15:4) and to "ask" (John 15:7)—are related. If the result of "remaining" is bearing fruit, then what we are told or invited to "ask" may well be our fruitfulness—or something that has been pruned or cleansed by Jesus' teaching (John 15:2—3; see also 1 John 3:18—24). If we follow the metaphor, the fruits borne by branches of a vine are not for the branches' consumption but for others' use or benefit (see also Psalm 22:26—32).

- What may be the significance that the second-person Greek

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pronoun ("you") in this passage is always in the plural?

- How may we understand the specific meaning of bearing fruit in this passage? Does the passage in Acts 9 for today help as we consider this question?
- In what ways do you find the passage from Acts meaningful on this Fifth Sunday of Easter?

### **Practice of Faith**

The Holy Spirit brought peace to the early Church. What parts of the world are especially in need of God's peace today?

- Pray the Rosary for those trapped in regions of conflict and for those working to resolve those conflicts peacefully.
- When Jesus speaks of Himself as the true vine, we are reminded of His presence in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church's theology of the Eucharist is rich and vast. Find the Catechism of the Polish National Catholic Church and see what it offers in its discussion of the Eucharist.
- Write cards of welcome and support to those in your faith community who became Polish National Catholic recently. Invite friends in your community to sign your cards or to write their own.

### **Questions**

- Have you ever had the opportunity to speak out about your convictions in a context where it somehow put you or your reputation in jeopardy?
- Faithful people have argued in the past about the relative importance of believing and acting. Can you make a case for the importance and necessity of each?
- How does it feel to you to be a branch on the vine of Christ? What does the metaphor mean to you?

### **Activities**

- Budget a certain amount of money you will set aside each day of the following week and decide on a charity to which you can donate it so your love will be manifest in deed as well as word.
- Talk to someone who gardens or has knowledge of agricultural practices. Ask him or her about the importance of pruning. Why

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is it helpful and necessary? What happens to a plant that is not pruned?

- Think of a time in your life when you needed someone to help and mentor you as Barnabas helped Saul. Reflect prayerfully on the benefits you derived, thank God for that person, and consider if you could do the same for someone else.



Our Ladies A.N.S. will be holding a **“Spring Garden Raffle”** on **Sunday, May 12th** during the Mother’s Day Brunch sponsored by our Frederick Chopin Parish Choir.

A.N.S. members have tickets for sale at **\$2 each, three for \$5, or 10 for \$7,**

**First Prize** is a basket filled with gardening essentials.

**Second Prize** is a \$25 Home Depot gift certificate.

**Third prize** is a Scratch Off ticket with a plant in a decorative container.

All proceeds from the raffle help the ladies in the care they provide for the cathedral sanctuary and its appointments. Our ladies thank you in advance for your support!



Bishops of the Church Meeting and worshipping together on Monday, prior to the Supreme Council meeting Tuesday and Wednesday. Bishops of the Nordic Catholic Church took part as well, via Zoom

Spring is a time to celebrate new life. Here are some ideas for outreach in our parishes:

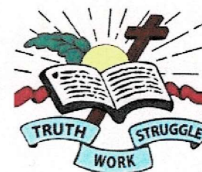


Take a look at your church building and property, and try to view it as a first time visitor would see it. Does something need attention? How can you make the environment more welcoming?

Another way to celebrate new life is to contribute to an organization which assists mothers and babies. Have a “baby shower” and collect diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, and other items needed in a household with small children.



Work with your fellow parishioners and be a blessing to your church and community!



PNCC Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission





The Supreme Council of the Polish National Catholic Church are met in the Frank Bednash Memorial Library at the National Church Center, P.N.C.C., in Scranton, PA, on Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

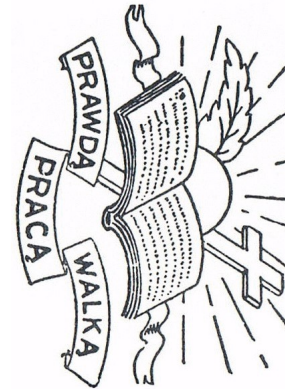
Seated: Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Rt. Rev. John Mack, Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski;

2nd Row: Diane Cheek, Laurel Curylo, Cathy Bilinski, Kathryn Nemkovich, Robert Giczkowski, Rev. Dr. Scott Lill, Joan Scheuneman;

3rd Row: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Bruce Kaniewski, Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., Ron DeLuca, Michael Mietlicki, Paul Gorgol, Very Rev. Marian Pocięcha



Last week, Nancy Reilly and Kathy Card presented \$1,200 in gift cards to the International Institute of New England. This is the total of **alms** collected this Lenten season. It will help settle refugees in the Manchester area.



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