



**HOLY TRINITY
CATHEDRAL
PARISH
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CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRECIA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

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Scripture Insights

The song of Mary, traditionally known as the Magnificat, is basically a repetition of Hannah's thanksgiving prayer in 1 Samuel 2 after God answered Hannah's prayer for a child. Not to be missed is the emphasis these words place on how God turns things upside down or right side up. Those who are proud, powerful, and rich, God will scatter, bring down, and send away empty. In contrast, those who are lowly and hungry, God will lift up and fill with good things. Instead of treating all in the same way, in Mary's song God operates with a

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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!**



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.

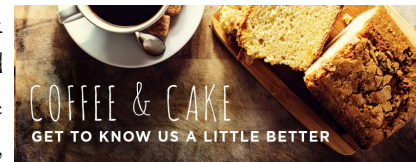
IN BISHOP'S ABSENCE AND FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY,
PLEASE CALL FATHER ANDRZEJ TENUS OF ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH IN
LOWELL, MA. PH. # (978) 453-0742

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_893621834

Sunday, December 10th - We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese, Raspberry Squares); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs, Breakfast Casserole); HTC Bakers (Assorted Pastries); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit Bowl, Reindeer Drops); Luke Sobiechowski (Chocolate Truffle Bombs).



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

Check out our diocesan website:

www.easterndiocesepnc.com

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

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - LIKE US AT:

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

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

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



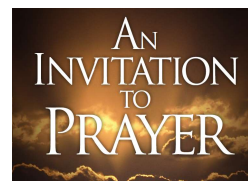
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

06 - Lisa Tazbir 10 - Stasia Swiadas 11 - Nancy Hanagan
19 - Phyllis Piecuch 24 - Phyllis Heaney

SOUP FOR SENIORS

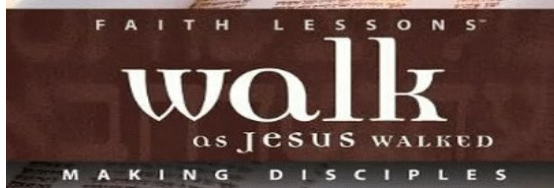
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to eight pints of Haluszki through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. Karen Sobiechowski provided Haluszki. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.

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 this Tuesday, **December 19th at 7 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:

Rev. Jan Kutek,
his family and the faithful of
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Minneapolis, Minnesota
and

Rev. Paul Lukaszewicz,
his family and the faithful of
Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish
Chicopee, 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.



Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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The third Sunday of Advent is called "**Gaudete Sunday**," from the Latin imperative verb for "rejoice." This exhortation resounds in the reading from Isaiah: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." The reading from Saint Paul also tells us to "rejoice always" and to give thanks "in all circumstances." The poet, Theodore Roethke, writes: "In a dark time, the eye begins to see." Perhaps this difficult time reveals the deeper meanings of our Advent prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus." We would not plead for God to come into our lives if we weren't in dire need and trusted that God would respond. That trust is the reason for our joy—a joy possible even in this difficult time of trial.

LECTIONARY READINGS - THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mon. Jeremiah 23: 5 - 8 **Thu.** - Song of Solomon 2: 8 - 14
Matthew 1: 18 - 24 Luke 1: 39 - 45

Tue. - Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25 **Fri.** - 1 Samuel 1: 24 - 28
Luke 1: 5 - 25 Luke 1: 46 - 56

Wed. - Isaiah 7: 10 - 14 **Sat.** - Malachi 3: 1 - 4, 23 - 24
Luke 1: 26 - 38 Luke 1: 57 - 66

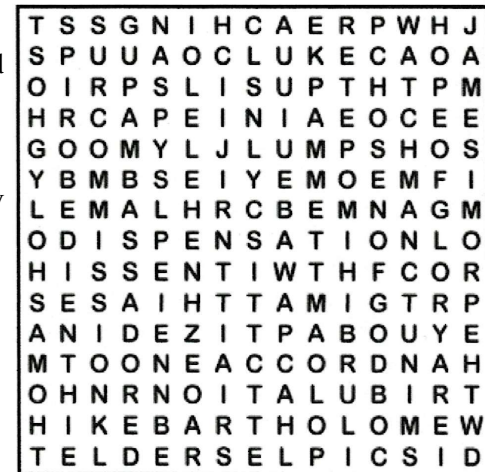
Next Sun. - 2 Samuel 7: 1 - 5, 8 - 11, 16 / Psalm 89: 2 - 3, 4 - 5, 27, 29
Romans 16: 25 - 27 / Luke 1: 26 - 38

Bible Word Search:

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

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.

- Ambassador
- Bartholomew
- Commission
- Disciples
- Elders
- Holy Ghost
- James
- Matthias
- One Accord
- Peter
- Prayer
- Simon
- Taught by Jesus
- Thomas
- Watchman
- Baptized
- Chosen of God
- Communion
- Dispensation
- Galilee
- Hope Of Glory
- Luke
- Obedient
- Pau
- Philip
- Preaching
- Supplication
- The Promise
- Tribulation
- Witness



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:

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

Join us in prayer every Wednesday at noon:



Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in Spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation. May we be instruments of Your divine plan that righteousness may triumph over evil. May Your will be done on earth

as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.
(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.

Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

LYNN HEBERT

in loving memory of my parents Chester & Tillie Kaminski

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.

JANUARY 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by LYNN HEBERT

in loving memory of my aunt Joan Kaminski

FEBRUARY 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by MARY ANN KISKA

in loving memory of my husband, Stanley Kiska

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

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

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??

"Many times when we think we got nothing, we may just have it all. When we let things settle, answers come. When we rest, our vision is clear. When we pray, good things happen."

JULIE DORTCH CRAGON
*Visiting Mary - Her US Shrines
And Their Graces*



MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, December 17th, 2023 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

Memorial of Olympias the Deaconess - *Deaconess, Widow*

9:00 AM Holy Mass and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer Intention:
open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee

10:45 AM HTC - A.N.S. No meeting. Rather, prepping wreaths in the craft room

MONDAY, December 18th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Gatian of Tours - *Bishop*

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

* For God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese sp. Joseph & Natalie Szopa; Matt & Della Powtak; Jenny & Jerry Morton; John & Stella Szopa; Al & Sophie Burrows, Ted & Dee, Matthew & Maria, John & Helen, Frederick Borowski, Victoria Borowska; Maria Legenc Wilk; Antony and Melania Legenc; Józefina Sitnik; Michalina & Emilian Turczyk; Emilia & Zdzysław Smigielski; Józef Boczek; Bronisław & Ryszard Madej requested by Lisa Farmer

TUESDAY, December 19th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Anastasius I of Rome - *Bishop*

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meet 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 Holy Trinity Cathedral Adult Zoom & face-to-face Bible Study

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The Frederick Chopin Choir Christmas card has been sent to all parishioners. We regret that a greeting from Mrs. Phyllis Piecuch was not included. She sends best wishes to her Holy Trinity Cathedral parish family.

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK *(continued)*

WEDNESDAY, December 20th, (Środa)

Memorial of Philogonius of Antioch - *Bishop*

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM *Advent Rorate Mass Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Prayer Intention:

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 to offer prayer for our parishes, diocese & the General Church

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 21st, (Czwartek)

FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS - APOSTLE

Memorial of Anastasius II of Antioch - *Bishop, Martyr*

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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 the HTC Parish Family in the craft room-

6:00 PM Dressing the Cathedral for the Christmas season - a food reception with the serving of Wassail will be given to all those who come to dress the cathedral

FRIDAY, December 22nd, (Piątek)

Memorial of Jutta of Diessenberg - *Virgin Abbess*

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, December 23rd, (Sobota)

Memorial of Servulus the Beggar - *Virgin*

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

For God's blessings 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

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NEXT SUNDAY, December 24th, 2023, (Niedziela Przyszła)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CZWARTA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

Memorial of Adam and Eve - *Old Testament*

9:00 AM Holy Mass and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

9:30 PM Choral Preludes presented by the HTC Frederick Chopin Choir

10:00 PM Shepherds Mass with the blessing of the Nativity Scene (*Żłóbek*) and the Lighting of Advent Wreath

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preferential option for those who are humble and on the margins, such as the young, pregnant, and unwed Mary.

The word *humble* appropriately describes the attitude of John the Baptizer in John 1. Although John could make himself sound more impressive before the religious authorities, he does not make himself the focus of his work. Instead, he confesses that neither his status nor his work is comparable to those of Jesus.

A similar message is found in Isaiah 61, where God's good news and favor are said to be focused upon "the poor," "the brokenhearted," "the captives," and "the prisoners." Isaiah 61 is part of what scholars call Third Isaiah (Isaiah 56–66), written during a time that the exiles began the difficult task of restoration upon their return from Babylon to Palestine. When Luke's Jesus begins his ministry (Luke 4:18–19), he will choose these very words from Isaiah to characterize his ministry.

The passage in 1 Thessalonians 5 suggests that to be "blameless" in God's advent, we must not only pray and give thanks but also know and do what is good by not quenching the Spirit but attending to and carefully discerning what God may want to tell us.

- Who are "the poor," "the brokenhearted," "the captives," and "the prisoners" in our society and world today?
- How much of what we do today is upholding or challenging the status quo?
- What is the difference between a humble ministry of preparation such as John's and the work done by Jesus?

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Practice of Hope

On the Third Sunday of Advent our joy at what God has done for us bursts forth. We rejoice because our celebration of Jesus' birth is simultaneously a celebration of all that God has promised and will accomplish through his Son.

- St. Paul thus urges us to rejoice always and give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16, 18). Think of times your heart overflowed with joy. Give thanks for such moments.
- Pray for those who have lost hope and are filled with sorrow, such as those who have fled their homeland or been unjustly imprisoned.
- When John the Baptist urged people to hope in Jesus, he directed attention away from himself. Thank someone in your community who works quietly and diligently to help others without seeking attention or recognition.

Questions

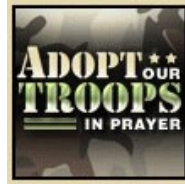
- Do you ever get a sense of certainty in which you "just know" something without having a clear reason or evidence? Where does that "knowing" come from? In what kinds of circumstances has that certain knowledge come to you?
- Does it make sense to "give thanks" in all circumstances? How would you explain this unusual instruction to someone who thinks it sounds like nonsense?
- How could God use you to be a spokesperson? What would you tell others about the ways of God?

Activities

- In a Bible dictionary or on the internet, read a brief biography of one of the Old Testament prophets. How did he or she struggle with fear and doubt and still go forth to proclaim uncompromisingly the message he or she was given?
- Think of a difficult situation in your life that you were later able to rejoice over, such as a lost job that was replaced by a better job or the end of a relationship that led to a better relationship. How can recalling such events help you face future disappointment and trials?
- Make a list of the bedrock convictions in your life and place it where you will see it often. After a few months, reflect on the difference that constant reminder of your deep convictions has made on you.

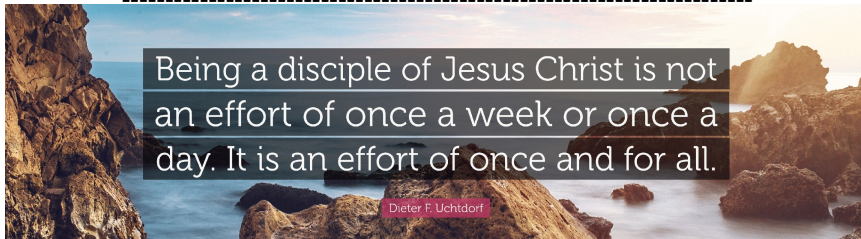
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

All clergy serve in the United States Army
 CPT. 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
CMDR. Vincent Chernesky	NAVY	THOSE
Major. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY	WHO SERVE
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE	
Carter Gentilhomme	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	
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	



Expect the Unexpected

Unexpected moments can change our lives: moments when we receive a message, word, image, or inclination that points us in a new direction, reveals fresh possibilities, and initiates an unplanned adventure. These inspirational moments can come through a chance encounter, a post on social media, or a surprise phone call. Unplanned moments such as these awaken us to holy adventures in which guidance appears out of nowhere and mysticism leads to mission. The divine call and the human response resound in unison. We see more deeply into reality, discover a new vocation, and begin a new way of life. Perhaps you are looking for fresh, new ways to fulfill your vocation in your immediate community and the world. Perhaps you need to begin again, finding a way forward where there appears to be none. Pause awhile and pay attention, and you may experience God's insight coming to you in this holy moment.

—from the book *Simplicity, Spirituality, Service: The Timeless Wisdom of Francis, Clare, and Bonaventure*
 by Bruce G. Epperly

**Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism
 Quarterly Outreach: Collect Warm Clothing**



Autumn is here, and the temperatures are dropping. People of all ages need to stay warm. Can you help?

WANTED!!!

You can collect socks for the homeless, sweats for vets, coats for kids, scarves, hats, and gloves for any and all.



Every parish, large or small, can do something. See what's needed in your community and contribute. God bless!

— WE ARE RECEIVING YOUR CLOTHING DONATIONS FROM OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER



WE HAVE CHRISTMAS WAFERS "OPLATKI" AVAILABLE AFTER THEY ARE BLESSED DURING HOLY MASS TODAY. AFTER TODAY, PLEASE SEE BISHOP PAUL OR CONTACT US BY PHONE OR E-MAIL TO SHARE THIS TRADITION WITH YOUR FAMILY.

There remains some cabbage pierogi as well as pints of kapusta that are available for purchase. We have been waiting for a few pre-orders to be picked up before they're made available. If you want more wigilia table foods for you family meal next Sunday please speak with chairperson Ray Pieczarka. Thank You! *Bóg Zapłać!*



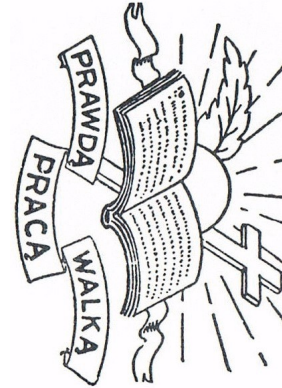
COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Mon. Dec. 25 - **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
- Tue. Dec. 26 - **FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN - DEACON, PROTO-MARTYR**
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
Traditional Vespers closing the Old Year - 5:30 PM
- Wed. Dec. 27 - **FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, EVANGELIST - Wine will be blessed and shared with all in Church - Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM
Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Retreat - Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA. - Begins 2:00 PM (*Bishop attends Tuesday*)
- Thu. Dec. 28 - **MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Retreat concludes at 11:00 AM
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and church - 12:00 PM
- Sun. Dec. 31 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Annual Pastor's Open House - Bishop Paul and Karen invite everyone in Church to a holiday brunch prepared in the auditorium - 10:15 AM

JANUARY 2024

- Mon. Jan. 1 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**
Holy Mass - 10:00 AM
- Tue. Jan. 2 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
P.N.C.C. Bishops' Zoom Meeting - 1:00 PM
- Wed. Jan. 3 - Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Jan. 4 - Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family - 11:30 AM
- Sat. Jan. 6 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
- Sun. Jan. 7 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM



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PASTOR



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. *Gaudete* means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.