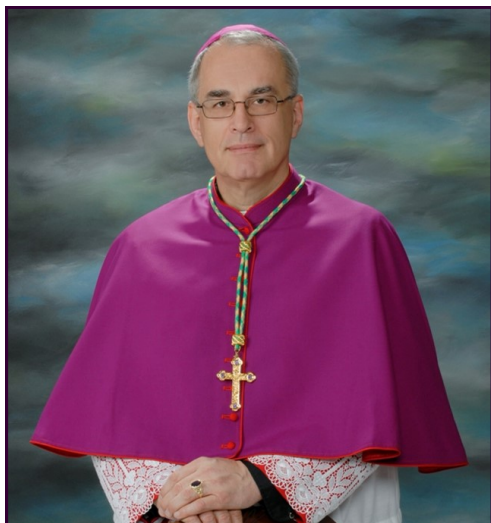
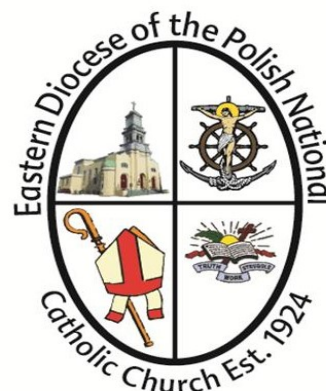


THE MESSENGER

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A NEW YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP A DIOCESAN SYNOD TO BUILD THE CHURCH

As I write this article we are at the cusp of a new Church Year. New possibilities abound and I look with anticipation to see where our Lord will lead us in 2020. In

anticipation of the ways God will choose to use the talents of the people of the Eastern Diocese we have scheduled pre-synodal meetings during which we will learn of how the One Day Synod will be laid out. Those attending the pre-synodal meetings will also hear members of the diocesan committee on strategic planning speak of the work they have done over the past three years, the work of reviewing our parish website, Facebook pages and other uses of social media. They will also speak to the matrix that our parishes have been submitting to the committee the past five months. And finally we will address the sub-group formula that was a part of the last diocesan synod and how it will be used to set forth the short and long term goals to build and spiritually invigorate the Eastern Diocese.

The work of the pre-synodal meetings will be very important, so my prayer is that MANY of our faithful from every parish will pray for the gatherings, come and be a part of them and help develop what will be the most important aspect of our Synod next year in Fall River, MA.

Before we enter into this new year; before we think about the upcoming diocesan synod; before we think about the work that we will be called upon to do as parish families in the Polish National Catholic Church, and the work we will engage in as individual Christians in Christ's Church...it is important to ask the question why. Why do we do all this? What is the point of this concerted effort?

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In the Office of Readings for the First Sunday of Advent we read the words of a catechetical instruction given us by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (c.313-386) St. Cyril is regarded as a Father of the Church and his words tell us exactly why we engage in the Christian discipline and why we share that discipline with others.

“We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

“In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future. At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

“The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgment he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: You did these things, and I was silent.

“His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming.

“Again he says of another coming: Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner’s fire, a fuller’s herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.

“These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

“That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

“Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.”

We are called to live our lives as preparing for the Coming of Christ. We are called to evangelize the world. Quoting from St. Cyril, “That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words...” This has been the purpose of the Church and its faithful since the beginning. We are not members of a social club. We are the Body of Christ called to build that Body by bringing people to the faith, one soul at a time.

I want to share with you the words with which I ended my article in the last issue of The Messenger:

“It is my desire that everyone in our diocese may be bold in facing the future. In the months ahead I will arrange, with our administrative seniors, meetings with every parish of our diocese. We will talk about the work of the Strategic Planning Committee established after the last diocesan synod. We will also speak to harnessing the various talents of our diocesan family to develop a plan aimed at growing the individual parishes, and thereby, the diocese. We have a marvelous opportunity before us to be the agents of evangelism and discipleship that can build and revitalize Christ’s Church. I call upon all the brothers and sisters of our diocese to join me as we embark on this missionary path.

Bishop Paul

The Resolutions of the 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church



Whereas, we the delegates to the 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church - representatives of the holy People of God - have convened under the leadership of our Prime Bishop and Bishops at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, IL, from October 1 through October 3, 2018.

Whereas, we were strengthened, nourished and enlightened by our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in our midst through Word and Sacrament at the Holy Mass concelebrated by our Prime Bishop, Bishops and Clergy, and understand it as the most important aspect of the great work of these days;

Whereas, we offer our gratitude to the Western Diocese of the Church, under the leadership of Bishop Bilinski, and those who assumed the responsibilities of planning and carrying out this Holy Synod;

Whereas, we acknowledge the courageous presence and active participation of the gathered delegates, as we proclaim that the Mission of the Church has been entrusted to her members of all ages, each called to pursue lives of holiness as Disciples of Jesus Christ and to invite others to do likewise;

Whereas, we recognize the foundation that was laid at the 24th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church regarding our Future Direction and celebrate the many diligent efforts to build upon this within our Dioceses and Parishes over the last four years, in pursuing true Regeneration of spirit, mind and heart; by seeking to engender deeper Reverence for God and our neighbors; by willingly Recommitting ourselves to undertaking the work of the Church within our Parishes, and faithfully striving to welcome all of these virtues into the daily lives of our Families;

Whereas, we have again considered with renewed enthusiasm and rekindled creativity the Future Direction of our beloved Church by continuing to reflect upon the meaning of Growth with regard to its Membership, the continual need for Increased Spirituality and the value of Lifelong Learning for its members of all ages, the ongoing pursuit of personal holiness as the means of enabling joyful responses to God's call to Sacred Vocations, and the need to further enhance our Community Involvement and Presence;

We, therefore, resolve to fervently ask that God the Father, through the prayers of Our Lady of the Snows, may bring forth abundant fruit from the proceedings of this 25th General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, to seek grace and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ to embrace the work he has entrusted to our care, and to knock so that the Holy Spirit will open and inflame our hearts so that we may return to our parishes inspired to execute the work of this Synod, firm in our Catholic faith, anchored by hope and motivated by charity, unwaveringly committed as members of the Polish National Catholic Church, charged to boldly proclaim the Gospel at all times, in all places and to all people through our words, our actions and our lives of holiness, and more certain than ever that "With truth, work and struggle, we shall succeed!"

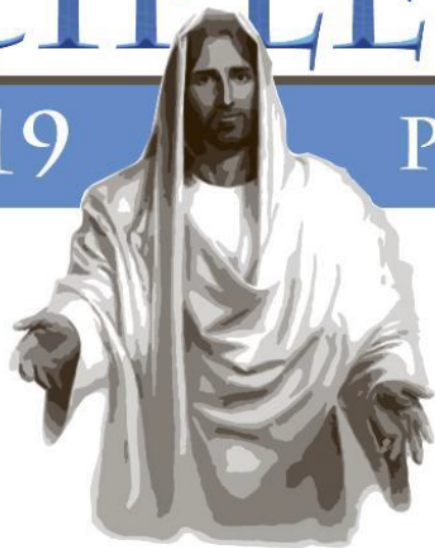
Respectfully submitted this day, October 3, 2018, by the Resolution Committee of the 25th General Synod of Polish National Catholic Church.

Christopher Cremean (Western Diocese); Marilyn Folcik (Eastern Diocese); Rebecca Kotula (Central Diocese) and Rev. Dr. Scott J. Lill (Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese)

DISCIPLESHIP

2019

PNCC



DISCIPLESHIP: 2019

PNCC FUTURE DIRECTION - ACTION PLAN FOR PNCC PARISHES BASED ON THE EFFORTS OF THE 24TH & 25TH PNCC GENERAL SYNODS

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.* Please see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with concrete actions.

January – The Call to Discipleship “Follow Me”

Logo to be used during the entire year - Calling all to Discipleship

Projected Outcome: *Church members will have a deeper insight into the true nature of Discipleship, which will serve as the foundation for the rest of the year.*

February – The Disciple: Teaching by Example (Living the Virtues in our lives)

Series refresher on Catechism – Soup, Sandwich & Sermon (Presentation)

or Wine and spirit presentation format – see below for more information

Projected Outcome: *Church members will honestly reflect on themselves and come up with one way by which they can role model the life of Christian discipleship that month at home, at work, in school, etc.*

March – The Disciple: Repentance and Overcoming Temptation

Projected Outcome: *Church members will develop a better understanding of what it really means to repent and have a practical strategy to engage this and overcome temptations when they come.*

April – The Disciple: Called to Serve (The Mandatum)

Projected Outcome: *Church members will be inspired to choose one way to personally serve another person/other people within their everyday lives that month--at home, at work, in school, etc.*

May – The Disciple: Living the example of our Blessed Mother – Saying Yes to God

Projected Outcome: *Church members will be inspired to say Yes to God by a choice they make each week during this month choosing God’s Will for them and not their own.*

June – Clergy Appreciation Weekend & Sacred Vocations Month

The Disciple: Living the Great Commission - Disciples making Disciples

Projected Outcome: Church members will better understand their own roles as promoters of Sacred Vocations and come up with one practical way for them to personally do that during the month of June.

July – No Vacation for the Disciple: Living God’s Word

Projected Outcome: Church members will recognize that the life of discipleship is ongoing – even during the summer months – and they will be encouraged to continue regular Mass attendance on Sundays, even while away from home or during travel.

August – Let the Children Come to Me – Discipleship of and with our youth

Projected Outcome: Adult Church members will take an opportunity to speak with a young member of the Church to acknowledge the dignity and value of their place within the Church and to help them discern how might God want them to live out their discipleship in the new school year.

September – Disciples – ambassadors of Love and Mercy

Series refresher on Gospels – Soup, Sandwich & Sermon – Wine & Cheese

Gather – Book Club (Presentation)

Projected Outcome: Church members will genuinely live the two commandments of love and come up with a concrete way that they can show their love of God and neighbor during each week of this month.

October – The Cost of Discipleship

Projected Outcome: Church members will more fully understand that Christian discipleship means being willing to “take up our crosses” to follow Jesus and what this means in our every day lives.

November – The example of Saints and giving Thanks

Select Saints that have influenced folks in your parish and make a collage of them.

Also, Time in quiet prayer and meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Projected Outcome: Church members will be more aware of the many gifts God has given them—especially those not typically acknowledged as such—and more clearly understand that the best way to express gratitude for them is to share them with others OR Church members will take the time to research the life of their patron Saint or another Saint as a means of being inspired in their own life of discipleship.

December – Fruits of Discipleship

Projected Outcome: Church members will reflect on their journey during the year and articulate two ways in which they have grown in their discipleship and two areas in which they still need to focus on with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Special Masses

Have at least two Special Masses and open them to the community. This would be in addition to our Sunday Mass. During Lent have a Mass for Healing and invite all those who are ill, hurting spiritually or emotionally to attend and spend time in prayer, to hear God’s Word and receive Christ in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Anointing. Use the Mass for Healing during Lent – this will be emailed to all clergy as a reminder at the beginning of Lent.

In the fall (November) have a Mass to Salute those who Serve - for your first responders/those in military service and Veterans. This Mass could be followed by a meal to honor those who serve/who have served. You could also have a Mass in time of tragedy when the need may arise in your community or our nation. These could be followed by a time of fellowship and food at the parish.

Welcome the community to these Masses by promoting them in your local media and newspaper, as well as fliers and social media. Invite other local groups to join you for these Masses.

Create a Business Free Zone

For 10-15 minutes prior to the celebration of Holy Mass have a time where the pastor is unavailable for Church business and that no other things are being discussed but a focus on the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. This will bring an enhanced spirituality and reverence for the Eucharist to our parishes. Encourage use of the introductory pages of the Mass booklet – *especially page 8* as well as prayers from our Prayer Book preparing for Holy Mass and Confession.

Adult Continuing Education via a New Forum **Wine and Cheese Club or Soup, Sandwich and Sermon**

In the spring have a series reviewing our Catechism - the teachings of our Church, and then in the Fall a series on reviewing the Gospels – specifically the teachings of Jesus. This can be done via the Soup, Sandwich and Sermon Concept, Wine and Cheese Gatherings concept (based on the Pub Theology: Beer, Conversation and God), using a Book Club format or even via online.

Social Media Presence

Short two minutes messages by various members speaking to our Year of Discipleship on YouTube. Continue to post monthly messages to our Facebook page and videos to YouTube and ask our members to share them. We hope more will be reached and encouraged to participate in these efforts. Parishes should have a presence of Social Media to promote their Special Masses and events. Consider streaming Holy Mass live on the internet and use these tools to promote the work of the parish. Pastors are also encouraged to record and share their Masses and Para Liturgical Services.

Two Days of Spiritual Retreat

Lent and one other (Advent) Pick a day during the seasons of Lent and one other time in 2019 to spend in retreat and prayer. This can be done on either a parish or seniorate level. Ideas for the Retreat include: Mass of the Day, special Lenten/Advent service of Penance, Scripture Readings/Reflections and Meditations, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; For Lent: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Lamentations, etc. This can be open and advertised to the local community.

Complete at least six community service projects

It is important that the six projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: blood drives, a project to aid an assisted living facility, or other care facility i.e. nursing home, group home; volunteering for a special needs event; having a Mass or event for your local widow's group; aiding a family crisis center, food drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans; prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, and/or responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

The 5 Themes for the Future Direction of our Holy Church from the 24th PNCC General Synod and further expanded upon at the 25th PNCC General Synod

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| I. Growth and Membership | II. Increase Spirituality |
| III. Lifelong Learning | IV. Sacred Vocations |
| V. Community Involvement | |

RESOLUTIONS OF THE XV EASTERN DIOCESE SYNOD

OCTOBER 28-29, 2016

The XV Synod of Eastern Diocese convened October 28 -29, 2016 in Bristol, CT hosted by Holy Trinity Plantsville Ct by the authority of Right Rev Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern Diocese and attended by the Most Rev Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the PNCC. The Synod began with Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Parish celebrated by Bishop Sobiechowski and concelebrated by the clergy of the Eastern Diocese. Through our deliberations, we learned and discussed the following:

Whereas, we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Hodur by celebrating the Hodurian mass and receiving two presentations dedicated to the life and ideals of Bishop Hodur: the Convo2016 Video Presentation on the Life of Bishop Francis Hodur by the youth of the PNCC and the presentation on the life of Bishop Hodur by Prime Bishop Mikovsky and;

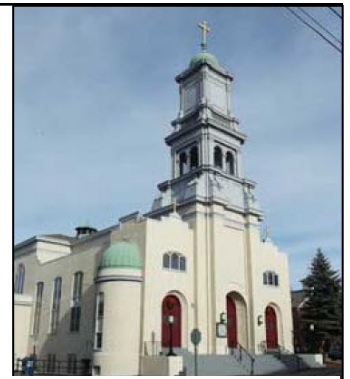
Whereas, we acknowledge the dedicated and ongoing work of the Future Direction Sub-Committee of the Supreme Council as they pursue the themes defined by the 14th General Synod: Growth and Membership, Increased Spirituality, Lifelong Learning, Sacred Vocations, and Community Involvement and Presence

Whereas, through the work of the Committee of Twenty and the small group discussions, the Synod body agreed to focus their attention on young adults between ages of 16 to 35 and to reach this audience through the following overarching goals:

- Increase awareness of our church through all social media outlets addressing
 - Our founding principles and beliefs
 - Bishop Hodur and his progressive ideas
 - The spiritual needs of these young adults
 - Provide clarity on our Catholic faith

From our Parishes:

**Holy Trinity Cathedral
Manchester, NH**



- In July members of Holy Trinity celebrated mass at The Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH with other members of the Eastern Diocese.



- Our ANS group had a very successful yard sale in the church circle in August. Many parishioners donated items they no longer wanted and we were able to sell quite a lot.



- A wonderful breakfast meeting was sponsored by Spojnia in September. Bishop spoke about being a social member to the PNU and the policies that are offered. There was plenty of food and no one went away hungry.



Our parish participated in the Religious Response to Hunger that many of the churches had in our area during the month of September. Manchester city parishes had a motorcade to drop off all of the food that was gathered. Bishop and Karen delivered our donation, which filled their vehicles.



Parishioners busily making pierogi during one of our many pierogi sessions to prepare for our Holiday Fair.



A group photo of the grandparents of our parish after the grandparent mass. Father Tenus performed the mass that Sunday.



Our Pulaski Day ceremony. A mass was held at Holy Trinity followed by a ceremony at the newly renovated statue. The mayor of Manchester, Joyce Craig and her husband attended the ceremony.



Our Holiday Fair was on November 9th. Many people worked hard to make this a successful fair. There was plenty of food for all. From the frozen pierogi to our fresh Polish dinners and then of course people could enjoy our bake sale. There were raffles, crafts, Polish imports and our youth had a table! It was tiring but a good time was had by everyone!





- RT REV PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI and Altar Servers lighting the first Advent Candle and also, Blessing of Oplatek at Holy Trinity Cathedral



*By Wanda Piotrowski
and Nancy Reilly*

From Our Parishes....

**Fall Events at Blessed Trinity
in Fall River**



Opening of SOCL - Blessing of Students and Teachers (Sept. 8, 2019)



September saw our return to SOCL classes, a couple of pierogi making as well as participation in the PNU General Convention . At this Convention Kathy Nemkovich was elected PNU Vice-President and Fr. Sr. Rob reelected to his fourth term on the Board of Directors.

As Fall began our parish ministry and outreach continued at Blessed Trinity Parish. Our doors were opened during the fall to host weekly AA meetings-Design for Living, monthly Kitchen Table Conversations - suicide



loss support; monthly neighborhood watch meetings, Polish American War Veterans Association and Kosciusko club. We also hosted two voting precincts on election day, had the National Prescription Drug Return, Guns for Groceries, Fall River Falcons meetings and a Thanksgiving Day Community dinner for folks in need or alone on Thanksgiving.

Pierogi Making
Labor Day Weekend 2019



October saw our our SOCL/PTA fall outing with a hayride, pumpkin picking and a pizza party, Vivian and our youth enjoyed an All Hallows Eve activity and fun. Our parishioners gathered to make Chruscki, Gołabki, Breads and baked goods for our annual Polish Food Fest that raised \$20,000 so that we can continue to do the work our Lord is calling us to do.



2019 PNU Convention at Sea - Congratulations to Kathy our new PNU Vice President!



Polish Food Fest Friday I - 10 18 2019 - Thanks to our volunteers & what a take out line!



Polish Food Fest Friday II - 10 18 2019 - Full house for dinner, many City Officials & Sweet Shoppe



Parish Youth Packing Operating Christmas Child Boxes

Nov. 10, 2019



During November as we gave thanks to the Lord for gracing us to do His work we completed our Operation Christmas Child Drive and this year had our SOCL youth fill many shoeboxes (thanks to the parents for getting so many great items). We had our Scholarship committee Thanksgiving Brunch and Parcel Post Auction raising funds for our parish scholarship fund. We also held our annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner for those in need and alone this past Thanksgiving. There were 150 meals served and with our Mayor helping out.

Fr. Sr. Rob also celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood and of his pastorate at Blessed Trinity.

Prime Bishop Mikovsky and Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert joined us for this special occasion that was focused on parish and community. Prime Bishop Anthony delivered the homily and our youth sang a special song as did Laurie and Adam. After Mass a Luncheon was held in the parish hall. Greeting and thank you's were given from many across our Fall River community that Fr. Sr. Rob has worked with through the years: the Fall River Police Department, Our State Representatives, Mayor-elect, Alcoholics Anonymous; Narcotics Anonymous, Fall River Falcons, Neighborhood watch. Reflections were given by Eric,

Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert and Cliff gave the toast. Video greetings were also given from PNU CEO Marty Wachna and Bishop Roald Flemestad of the Nordic Catholic Church. Our parish youth again honored Fr. Sr. Rob by wearing specially made G.O.A.T. shirts. In his remarks Fr. Sr. Rob asked that we keep up the ministry of bringing Jesus in our community and world! The FRPD gave Fr. Sr. a custom 25th Anniversary Jersey as well!

25th Anniversary of Fr. Sr. Rob at Blessed Trinity - Nov. 17, 2019



25th Anniversary of Fr. Sr. Rob at Blessed Trinity VI - Nov. 17, 2019



25th Anniversary of Ordination Gift - Nov. 23, 2019



Operation Christmas Child blessing of boxes - Thanks to all who supported this effort!
Nov. 17, 2019

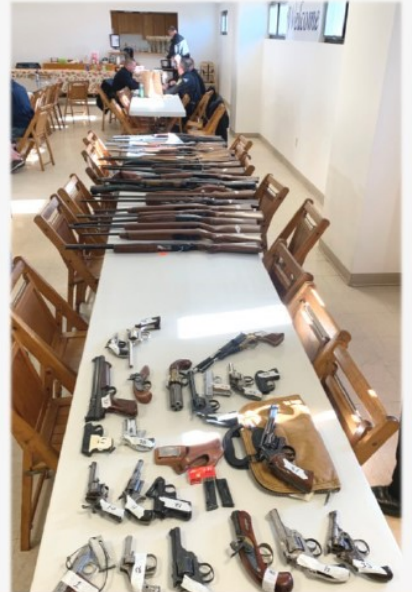


Fall River Falcons 9U and 11U Super Bowl Spaghetti Supper

Nov. 8, 2019



Guns for Groceries - Nov. 23, 2019



Thanksgiving Brunch and Parcel Post Auction - Nov. 24, 2019



Thanksgiving Day Fall River Community Dinner - Nov. 28, 2019



**Fall River Neighborhoods
Helping Families In Need
Christmas Toy Drive**



In conjunction with the
Fall River Police Department
and Blessed Trinity Parish



Advent - Christmas Food Drive

@ Blessed Trinity Parish



As we look forward to December our Christmas Toy Drive in conjunction with the Fall River Neighborhood Associations and the Fall River Police Department is ongoing as is our Advent/ Christmas food drive. We received a \$1,000 grant to help in this effort. We will also have our Advent Penitential Service, Living Nativity, Youth Group Spaghetti Supper, Birthday Party for Jesus and host again the Diocesan Winter Youth

Gathering and Lock-In. To see more pictures and be informed of forthcoming events, please follow us on Facebook: Blessed Trinity PNCC. **Fr. Sr. Rob**

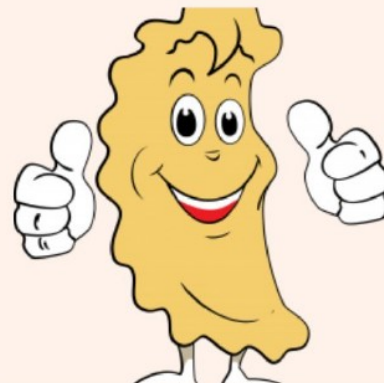
From our parishes....

Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, RI

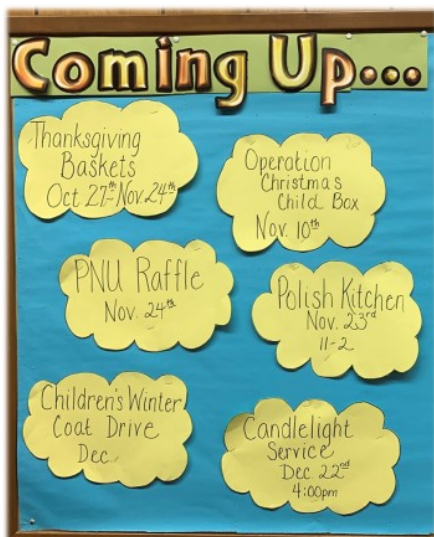
This fall is always a busy time at Holy Cross parish. Preparations began for our Polish Kitchen with a couple of Pierogi making that had great support by our parishioners and friends.



Pierogi Making at Holy Cross - Saturday - Sept. 14, 2019 - Thanks to all who helped!



Thank you to all who helped us make Cabbage Pierogi (Oct. 12th)



Annual Ladies Society Pork Supper & Giant Raffle - Oct. 19, 2019



Our ladies society held their annual Pork Supper on October 19th and had a great turnout. It is always a pleasure to welcome our friend and Rhode Island State Senator Betty Crowley to our parish.



Over the past weeks the parishioners have been spending countless hours in the parish kitchen preparing for our annual Polish Kitchen that was held on Saturday, November 23rd. What a turnout we had and the take out lines were amazing. Thanks to all who helped in this endeavor for the parish so we can continue the work our Lord is calling us to do.

Polish Kitchen - Nov. 23, 2019 - Thanks to all of our volunteers for a successful event!



Putting the Gospel into action was witnessed during the fall months. Several boxes were collected for our annual Operation Christmas Child Drive. The shoeboxes were blessed after Mass on November 10th and are now on their way to children who live in extreme poverty in our world.



Thanksgiving Baskets and PNU District 3 Raffle - Nov. 24, 2019



We also collected enough food and gift cards to have five Thanksgiving baskets donated to folks in need in the Central Falls area. These baskets were blessed after Mass on Sunday - November 24th. Currently our winter clothing drive is underway. These new winter coats, hats, gloves and scarfs will be given out at the Central Falls holiday fair before Christmas. A big thank you to all who donated items in the Name of Jesus to help those less fortunate than we.

We are also looking forward to hosting our annual Candlelight Service for the Northeast Seniorate on December 22nd at 4 pm.

Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich



From our parishes...

Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, RI



• Meat Raffle

Our Saviour's Parish in Woonsocket, RI held an event on Friday September 27, 2019 that filled not only the church hall but our church parking lot as well.

It was our well-established Meat Raffle.

We sold 80 Meat Raffles passes and all 15 tables were filled with attendees who hoped that they were holding the winning ticket for each prize.

This parish fundraiser is organized by Patricia and Philip Kaczorowski.



The Meat Raffle is held 3 times a year- the last Friday in September, January and April.

We have a great team of parishioners who work in many areas before, during and after this event to make it a tremendous success.

From the delicious soup and pastries to the many chances to win a raffle prize or go home with "Freebies, the entire evening is all about a warm and inviting fellowship for an enjoyable evening with friends.

We had a moment of silence for the late Doris Y. Callegaro, who passed away at age 92 on September 21, 2019. She was the mother/mother-in-law of Patricia and Philip.



Also, we cheered for Louise and Michael Moore celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary and Cathy and Jack DeCataldo on their 56th Wedding Anniversary.

Please join us on Friday January 31, 2020 as we celebrate our 25th Meat Raffle at Our Saviour's Parish located at 500 Smithfield Road Woonsocket, RI 02895.

Without a doubt, we have something for everyone and our motto is "EVERYONE GOES HOME A WINNER"!

So, join us and bring your family, a friend or co-worker for a night of fun!

By Patricia Kaczorowski



• ***"Bless all creatures great and small"***

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, at our parish took place Blessing of Animals. Fr. Henryk Wos, Pastor, commemorating St. Francis of Assisi, blessed the animals and the people who gathered at this occasion at our Saviour's.



• **Annual Corn Maze at Wojcik's Farm 2019**

On Sunday, October 20, 2019 the SOCL Group went on its annual Trip. As in the previous year, also this year we went to Wojcik's Farm in Blackstone, MA. All the kids and the adults had a lot of fun. We enjoyed a hayride, got lost in the mysterious corn maze, tried to ride on old tractor, enjoyed delicious ice cream, honey sticks, and apple cider from the local apple trees. Thank you to the SOCL Committee for sponsoring our children.



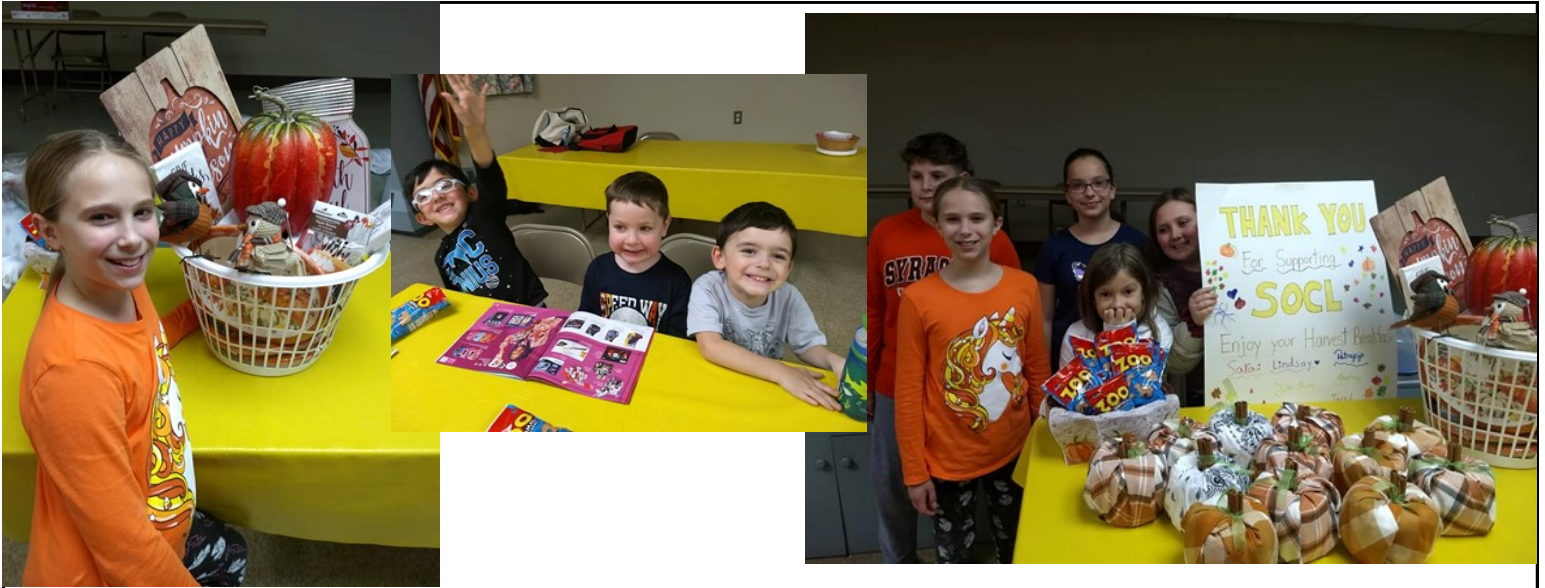
• **Harvest Breakfast**

On Sunday, October 27th, following the Mass at 10:30, Our Saviours' Parish held its Annual Harvest Breakfast sponsored by School of Christian Living. Great food and great people helped make the day a huge success.

The buffet menu featured eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, rolls, pastry, beverage, and coffee. A general Raffle included: Split the Pot, Raffle, Basket Raffle, and Penny Social as well.

A huge thank you goes out to Parents, Teachers, and Students of our SOCL and to all our Parishioners for their hard work and support, as well our guests for their support to make our Harvest Breakfast a success.



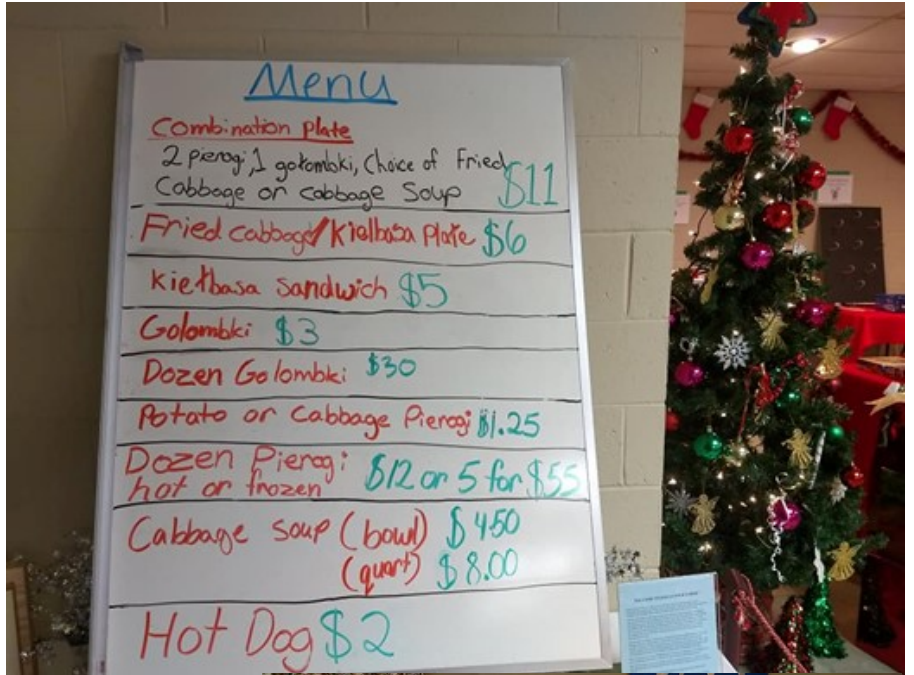


• **Our Saviour's Annual Bazaar**

Our Saviour's held their annual bazaar on November 19, 2019. The weather cooperated and the food sold out. Since the beginning we were "bombarded" with the people that day and the line for pierogi, golambki, stuffed cabbage and other Polish food did not let up until after lunch. This is what we love to see. All of the months of preparation leading up to that one day of execution. Can't wait until it comes, and then can't wait until you can go home and relax.

How do we get through it all? Teamwork...dedicated parishioners, family members, and friends. Everyone has their jobs, and they are all equally important. It all happens because we work together.

By Fr. Henryk Wos





From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA

- Veterans Breakfast**

On October 27th Holy Trinity Parish hosted their last Veterans breakfast for the year. Several veterans were in attendance for a wonderful breakfast and then we held a dedication of the new POW MIA flag which was then blessed by Fr. Henryk. We then proceeded to the flag pole



outside of the church and held a ceremonial raising of the new flag.



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- Annual craft and vendor fair**

On November 16th the 3rd annual craft and vendor fair was held at the American Legion Hall in Webster. There were about 20 different crafters displaying their beautiful handmade items. The ladies of the parish made several crafts to sell and held raffles and had a bake sale. There was some delicious food prepared and sold to the participants and public. A special thanks to all who helped in any way to make this day a success.

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By Rita Ouellette



From our parishes...

St. Joseph's Parish – Stratford, CT



Autumn kicked off in fine style here in Stratford with “Cooking with the Saints”, a fun evening of cooking and camaraderie while discussing St. Joseph, our patron saint. The dinner menu consisted of Minestra di Lenticchie e Riso (Lentil and Rice soup), Zeppole di San Giuseppe (St. Joseph's Day fritters) and bread crosses, supplemented by salad and cider – a perfect meal for the harvest season.



Next up on September 22nd was Rabbi Ron explaining to us the Jewish High Holy days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Bringing with him some of the objects used by Jewish people during the celebrations, Rabbi Ron dove into the history of these days and the modern observance practices. Like the secular New Year this is a time of reflection for them, that through prayer and atonement a person can make meaningful adjustments in their life for the coming year



On the 27th we held a breakfast for our local first responders – police, fire, and ambulance – to show our appreciation for their service to the community. Due to the nature of their work, the first responders were given the option of a sit-down breakfast or a “to-go” breakfast. Most decided for the “to-go” meal as it had been a heavy call morning and they were unsure how much time they would have to eat, but a few actually braved the uncertainty to devour a filling breakfast of bacon/sausage and eggs with their choice of bread.



The penultimate Colossal Kielbasa Stand on September 29th featured the Frank Porto Polka Band and our own Ed Bednarski. It was an afternoon of sun, great music, and great food. People brought portable chairs from which to enjoy the day. Some only sat, ate pierogi and kielbasa, and listened to the music, while others used the parking lot as an impromptu dance floor. The youth held the last "Lemons to Love" stand of the year, bringing in more funds for the Daughters of Charity.



The final Colossal Kielbasa Stand was held on October 20th. Although the weather was a bit chilly, attendance was decent. The stand will reopen in late Spring, exact date to be announced at a future time.



Many thanks to the crew who staffed the stand each month: (from right to left) Paul Lonzenski, John Lewandowski, Joe Shandrowski, Brian Putorak, Rob Shandrowski, Matt Pliska, and Father Tom. Without them, there wouldn't be a kielbasa stand. And thanks to Danika, Jessamyn and Julia for staffing the Lemons to Love stand!

But the greater thanks goes to all those in the community who faithfully stopped by the stand each month to grab a bite to eat! Through your support, the YMS of R has been able to continue their good works within the Church.

October was a month dedicated to the Rosary. At the beginning of the month, with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop #0074, we made rosaries for the shut-in patients at Lord Chamberlain and Atria. While hands were busy constructing, Father Tom entertained us with a Trivial Pursuit type of quiz on the Rosary.



At the end of the evening, Father Tom blessed the rosaries in front of the St. Joseph window for the health, spiritual and physical, of those to whom they would be given. They were distributed later in the week.



October's Coffee and Catechism was also dedicated to the Rosary – why we pray it and how it is structured. Father Tom repeated his quiz from the rosary-making session, getting a similar number of laughs and lightening the mood before settling into the more serious subject material. Each participant received a rosary of their own to complement what was being taught.



We ended the month with our ever-popular Quarter Night. Held on the 26th of October, the theme was Halloween of course. From decorations to some of the auction items, the colors orange, black, and purple were prevalent. Bidding was fierce but friendly and all were able to depart with at least one object on which they'd set their heart.



On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Father Tom kept the day open for Blessing of the Animals at the church. Everyone with pets was encouraged to stop by whenever they were able to. Our furry friend Ellie stopped by for her usual blessing.



God smiled upon us with clear, albeit a tad windy and cold, weather for the annual All Souls' Day procession through the cemetery held on Sunday, November 3rd. More people were able to make the prayerful walk after Mass, which starts at the front gates and ends at the flagpole in the rear of the property, stopping several times along the way.



Our first ever Holy Spirit Wine, Cheese and a Movie night on November 9th was a hit. The movie featured was "Lilies of the Field" with Sidney Poitier. The evening began with prayer, food, and a discussion of where the title originated in the Bible. After the movie was over, discussion continued, reflecting on how well the title fit with the story portrayed and how it applied to our own lives. A good time was had by all and the consensus was that another such night should be planned in the New Year.

The events of Ordinary time culminate with a Polish dinner on November 16th preceded by a folk Mass featuring the guitar playing of Meg Capen, Board Certified Music Therapist.

UPCOMING EVENTS – JOIN US IF YOU'RE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

- 24 November – Coffee & Catechism: Advent, following Mass
- 1 December – 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Trimming Breakfast
- 7 December – Christmas Fair (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- 22 December – Coffee & Catechism: Christmas Traditions, following Mass
- Christmas Masses: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve
10 p.m. Midnight Mass Christmas Eve
9:30 a.m Christmas Day
- 5 January – Christmas Brunch following Mass
- 18 January – Holy Spirits Wine & Cheese
- 26 January – Coffee & Catechism following Mass
- 8 February – Sip & Paint
- 14 February – First Responders' Breakfast
- 23 February – Coffee & Catechism following Mass
- 15 March – Cooking with the Saints: St. Paddy!
- 22 March – Coffee & Catechism

*Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Vasas, Music Director*

From our parishes...

St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, CT



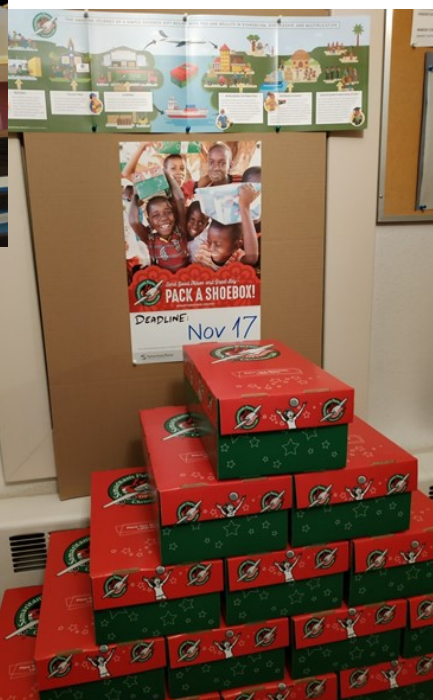
- Peregrination of the figurine of “Our Lady of Grace” has begun at St. John’s Church in October 2019 – month dedicated to Mary and the Holy Rosary. Every Sunday one name of the parishioner (or family) is drawn from the basket and that person (or family) takes the figurine of Mary home for one week. So far Our Lady has visited several homes of the Parish.



- The celebration of All Saints Day and All Souls Day gathered at St. John's a good number of parishioners. We had a solemn Mass and after the Mass on All Souls Day we prayed for the deceased members of the parish, pastors and friends which are remembered on the special board exposed in the church throughout the month of November. On the following Sunday after the Mass we went as a community to visit and bless St. John's Cemetery which is not far away from the church itself.



- This year for the first time St. John's parishioners took part in the Operation Christmas Child preparing shoeboxes which are going to be sent as Christmas gifts to the poor children in different parts of the world.



By Fr. Adam Piekarczywski

From our parishes...

Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA

The annual Christmas Bazaar and Raffola

The annual Christmas Bazaar and Raffola sponsored by Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA took place on Sunday, November 10 2019 in the church hall beginning at noon and ending at 6:00pm. The faithful friends and supporters began gathering at 11:00am checking out the various booths with prizes to be won. Our generous parishioners donated 35 filled baskets to be given away to lucky attendees 305 people were in attendance and many of them remained all afternoon enjoying our Polish



foods. At 4:00pm the 114 prizes Raffola took place made possible through the generous support of business people, friends and parishioners.

A wonderful assortment of homemade baked goods donated by several parishioners and a large amount by Barbara By oreck and the Laska Family.



In attendance were our devoted friends and supporters from Ware and local towns. We were pleased to have with us Fr. Charles Kuzmeski, who was our dear neighbor for 22 years as pastor of St. Mary's RC parish, Ware, Dr. Daniel Berneche and our loyal friend and Ware River Mews correspondent, Mrs. Lauretta St. George Sorel and also many young people and children. Patricia Bradley who handled the gum drop booth had a few hundred toys and gifts that served as an attraction for them.

The kitchen staff did a fabulous job with Paul Laska as chief, They were so punctual and accurate in preparing the Polish plates and other items for our attendees. All booth workers were most accommodating. Steven Socha, chairman, was busy in seeing that everything went well as planned. Evelyn Mongeau, who headed the Raffola Drawing did a fantastic job in preparing the ticket, having it printed and even distributed to parishioners and friends. Nancy Plankey did the posters and delivered them to various sections in many surrounding towns promoting the Bazaar.



The hall holiday decorations were done by Lisa Socha, Regina Rivers, Sandra St. Pierre Everything went very well to the satisfaction of all. As in all things and undertakings, there is massive work to be done to assure an inviting atmosphere, good food, attractive booths, fellowship to draw people to attend. This we have at Holy Cross Parish.



Sincere thanks to the Bazaar Committee, workers, donors, supporters and all who through their work, generosity, time and energy made this undertaking so successful and beautiful. Steven, Evelyn and all workers, donors and attendees deserve a big hand and a great "Bog Zaplac!"

By Fr Sr. Fryderyk Banas

Fr. Sr Banas 69th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood

Fr. Sr. Banas, the Pastor of the Holy Cross Parish marked his 69th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood in our Polish National Catholic Church and was remembered in Masses of Thanksgiving in Poland especially in Warsaw, Majdan Nepryski, Dlugi Kat and several other parishes.

Dear Fr. Senior! We wish you God 's blessings as you mark 69 years since you were ordained as a minister of the Gospel in our beloved Church. May the love of God be with you and be filled with wisdom and knowledge so that you can serve the people God has placed in your hands. Happy anniversary.

From our parishes...

St. Valentine's Parish, Northampton, MA

• Pulaski Day Celebration, October 20, 2019



The Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton sponsored its 33rd Annual Pulaski Day celebration, October 20th. The day began with a Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church, followed by the Parade commencing from the Church and ending at Pulaski Park with a special program and ceremonies. This event

is held each year to celebrate Polish Heritage and honor the Late General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry who was killed in the Battle of Savannah on



October 11, 1779. This observance was established in 1929 when Congress passed a resolution designating October 11th as General Pulaski Memorial Day.

Along with our Parish contingent from St. Valentine's, the Parade included many veterans groups, marching bands from Northampton High School, South Hadley High School and Hopkins Academy, the Marquis of Granby drum corps as well as the Windsor Fife and Drum Corps, Polish Societies and Foundations, Polish Center of Discovery and Learning and Polish School children from Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.



The program at Pulaski Park began with the Invocation by Fr. Paul Norman, Parochial Vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The Parade Marshal, Wieslaw Olszak of Chicopee, was imprisoned for his work in the Solidarity Trade Union, a group that fought communist rule in Poland and then immigrated to the U.S. with his family; he was unable to attend as he had a family emergency in Poland. His daughter, Iwona Poznansky



accepted the parade marshal plaque on his behalf. Several public officials were present; proclamations were given by the Mayor of Northampton, David Narkewicz, and State Representative Jo Comerford. The keynote speaker was Ron Lech, Associate Director and President of the Board of Directors of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning.



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Trumpeters from Hopkins Academy, Robert Klesch and Aiden Michalak played Taps and attendees at the Park sang the Polish and American National Anthems. The Master of Ceremonies, J.P. Kwiecinski introduced Miss Polonia, Carly Liquori who offered a short presentation.



At the conclusion of the program, the benediction was offered by Fr. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor of St. Valentine's Parish and closing remarks were offered by Bob Gibowicz, Chairman, Polish Heritage Committee.



Following the parade and program, all participants were invited to a reception at the World War II Club. The Rovatti Family Polka Band provided Polish music for our listening pleasure. The Pulaski Day Parade celebration was a wonderful event and a great time was had by all and we are looking forward to next year's celebration. If you have not attended as a spectator or marched with us, you are cordially invited to join us at next year's Pulaski Day celebration. Watch for details in the coming months! Thank you to Father Adam and our parishioners for

taking the time to march in the parade. Also, a thank you goes out to the Polish Heritage Committee for sponsoring the parade to keep our Polish heritage alive.

by Krysia Newman

HARVEST DINNER - OCTOBER 13, 2019



St. Valentine's Parish held its Annual Harvest Dinner Sunday, October 13th at noon in the parish hall. A fair



number of folks attended for this sumptuous dinner – parishioners and friends including several members of the Polish Heritage Committee. The dinner, served buffet style included roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, applesauce, cabbage, mixed vegetables, rolls, dessert and coffee.

The raffle featured approximately twenty prizes which was very well received. A huge thank you is extended to Fr. Adam, Danuta, Rafal, Nancy, Matthew, Isaac, Stephen (*and Krysia*) for their hard work and support as well as our guests for attending to make our Harvest Dinner event a success. It was wonderful to have our parish hall filled with parishioners, friends and neighbors for an afternoon of camaraderie.

by Krysia Newman

Coming Events/Classes

- ◆ **BIBLE STUDY** at St. Valentine's Parish — **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** — Parish Hall. Prayer & Discussion Leader: Rev. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor
- ◆ **POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES** at St. Valentine's Church — **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm** — Parish Hall. Instructor: Rev. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor
- ◆ **POLSKIE KOLEDY (Polish Christmas Carols) SING ALONG** — **Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 2:00 pm**
- ◆ **ZAPUSTY AT ST. VALENTINE'S CHURCH** — **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

POLSKIE KOLEDY



January 5, 2020
2:00 pm

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG

Sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee
at

St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church
127 King Street
Northampton, MA



All friends of Polonia are cordially invited to attend a Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along. The carols will be led by singers from area Church Choirs. An afternoon of music and fellowship is surely to be enjoyed by all.



Please Join Us!

Refreshments will follow the Sing Along
(in the Parish Hall)

Memory Tree

The ANS Society

of the

St. Valentine's

PNC Church

will sponsor the

"Memory Tree"

project



Hand made miniature crosses will represent loved ones
and friends that have passed away

Suggested donation for each cross

Is \$2.00 for one name or for one family

A Holy Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated by

Fr. Adam Czarnecki on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 9:30 am

At this celebration each name will be read and later

inscribed in the **Memory Book**

The Memory Tree will be displayed in December and January

For the crosses contact: Krysia Newman (413) 584-4531;
Nancy Slusarski (413) 586-0642; Rectory (413) 584-0133

Zapusty in Parish Hall of St. Valentine's Church



You are invited to dance Polka, sing and to eat paczki and chruściki

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Free will donation is appreciated



From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT Annual Holiday Bazaar



On November 3, 2019, Holy Trinity PNCC of Plantsville, CT held its annual Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar featured vendors from the area such as the Wholly Goat Farm which provides hand creams and soaps made with natural goat's milk. There were also knitted items and hand painted glasses, plaques and hand made wreaths.

The tea cup raffle was a big success. It featured theme baskets, jewelry household items and other great gifts—to keep or to give away for Christmas.



Our three servers: L-R Ethan Soboleski, Trey Hearn and Aiden Daviault .

The Polish Kitchen was a highlight of the day. Items served were golombki, pierogi, bigos, Kluski Soup, golombki soup, kielbasa



Sandy Wood takes an order for a meal from the Polish Kitchen.



People peruse the table of prizes for the "Teacup" raffle.

sandwiches with sauerkraut as well as hotdogs and chips. The food was served by three young parishioners, students of this year's Catechism Class.

The bake sale featured Polish Babka and chrusciki, as well as all-time favorites like apple pies and chocolate chip cookies.

The tag sale was a huge success—selling many gently used items. For their first project, the men of the YMSR did an outstanding job.

At the end of the day and after the final winning ticket was called, everyone was tired, but happy. This year's Holiday Bazaar was a tremendous success. Chairperson Diane Hodgkins and her helpers, Sandy Wood, Sue Locks, Linda Aube and Lorraine Krusinski helped to make it the success it was.



Our YMSR "Red Shirts": L-R George Peck, John Lalla, Cleric Justin Daviault, Wally Bush and Andy Mendard.



Abby, another rescue dog receives her blessing from Fr. Sr. Krusienski.

collecting food, blankets and



River—a rescue dog waits patiently to be blessed by Fr. Sr. Krusienski.

monetary donations for the Southington Animal Rescue.

- As part of our community outreach, Holy Trinity PNCC hosted the Southington High School Junior Varsity Football team, their parents and their coaches to a pasta dinner on October 23, 2019. The high school athletic department started these monthly pasta dinners hosted by various organizations within the community as a way of getting the athletes to know each other as individuals as well as team mates. It also gives the parents an opportunity to get to know the other students and the other parents as well. A meal of pasta, meatballs and salad was enjoyed by all with the athletes unanimously agreeing that they would like to come back next year.



Members of the Southington High School Junior Varsity Football Team pose with Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski after dinner.

By Marilyn Folcik

From Our Parishes...

Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT

During the past three months at Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT, we celebrated many solemnities. Let us focus on two of the important solemnities that took place.

The first was the Solemnity of Dormition, also called the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a blessing of flowers and herbs (see photos below).

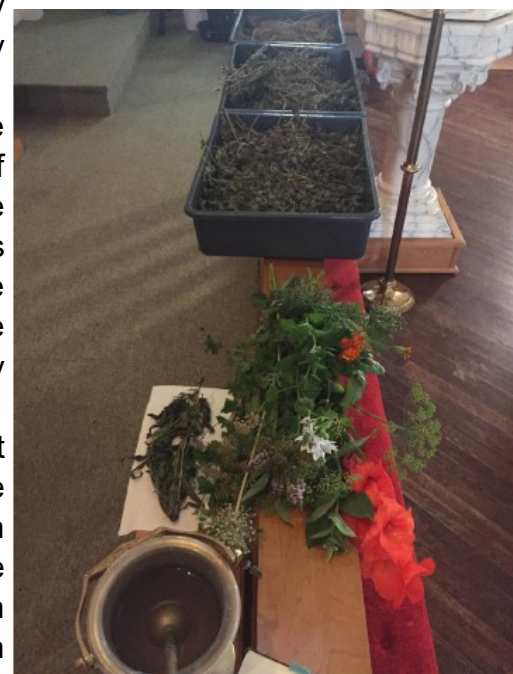
The second was the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In the past months, we have welcomed back many of our sick parishioners that have recovered. Mass together is time well spent. We would like our call to action to continue encouraging our community youth to join us for Mass.

Our first upcoming event is Wreaths Across America (see the flyer below, last page). In the next three months, we are also spiritually preparing for an Advent retreat within our parish on Monday, December 16, 2019 for Mass at 11:00AM and Vespers with an Exposition of



Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the day of the Solemnity of Dormition

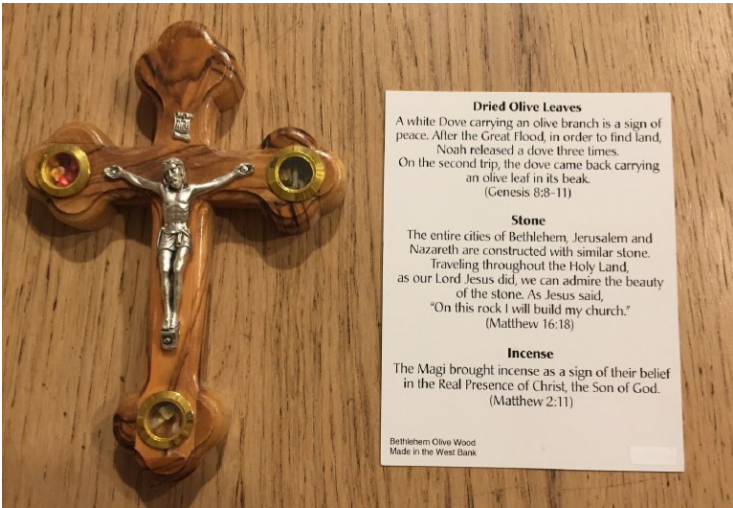


Blessing of flowers and herbs.

the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00PM; neighboring parishes are invited, please contact Fr. Chris. We also have the Vigil of the Nativity (Pasterka) at 10:00PM on December 24, 2019, and Christmas Mass at 9:00AM on December 25, 2019, and more Christmas Masses at 11:00AM on December 26 and 27. We hope to see you then.



blessing and distribution of the crosses to parishioners on Saturday, September 14, 2019 on the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



One of the crosses that was distributed to parishioners with a printed explanation.

Plan to Attend

2019 Wreaths Across America Ceremony
A Tribute to 7 Branches of the U.S. Armed Forces

Wreath-Laying on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:00pm Rain or Shine

Divine Providence Cemetery
West Thames Street, Route 32, Norwich, CT



Organized by the Archives and the Cemetery Committees, and the YMS of R

Contact Rodney Girard at 860/443-4442 or rjra19@aol.com or George Ververis at 803/960-7326 or gververis@verizon.net if you have any questions.

From our parishes...

St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA

Blessing of Pets

On Saturday, October 5 St. Casimir's Church in Lowell held its annual Blessing of Animals. The pets and their owners met in the church yard at 10 am. Father



Tenus conducted a special service praying for all animals including those endangered by extinction and those abused and abandoned.

Readings and prayers were said and each animal was bestowed a blessing. St. Francis medals were distributed to the pets as were cat treat bags or dog treat bags.

⇒ **Participants at Blessing of Animals**

St. Casimir Annual Food Fest

St. Casimir's Annual Polish Food Fest was held on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am-3pm. At least 400 people crossed our threshold to purchase eat-in or take out Polish dinners of pierogi, kapusta and kielbasa as well as samples of gołąbki, kielbasa sandwiches, kapusta soup, all with rye bread. Frozen cabbage/sauerkraut and potato/farmers cheese pierogi and gołąbki were also available until supplies ran out.



People enjoying their food/company or waiting to order.

A table containing various entrees and baked goods were also snapped up very quickly.

Every fifteen minutes a raffle of donated gifts (gift cards, blankets/throws, small appliances) was held. Scratch lottery tickets also attracted participants.



Karen Tremblay and mom, Helen Rogers, who will turn 103 in November



Pearl Czerlonka and daughters Sheila Bailey and Karen Breault manned a portion of the bake table.

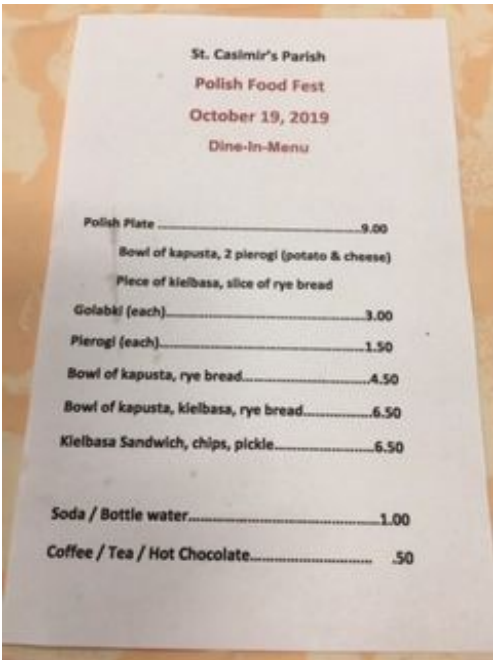
Many weeks of preparation by a team of dedicated workers made this day a memorable and financially successful one. Plans are already underway for next year's food fair.



Pierogi ornaments sold like hot cakes.



Raffle prizes on stage. Slide show about St. Casimir's projected on back wall.



Our menu

Hat and Mitten Drive

Thanks to the kindness of parishioners of St. Casimir's Parish, many school children of the Lowell Public Schools will be warm this winter. For the past four years, St. Casimir's ANS has spearheaded the project when we found some children go through winter with no gloves, mittens or hats. Contact is made with social workers in the public schools who make sure those needing warm items get them in a discreet manner.

This year's drive runs from October 20 to November 24. We are hoping for boxes full of hats and mittens to help the school children of our community stay warm.

By JoAnn Menzia

ST. CASIMIR'S UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 7 - Homecoming, 5 pm, Parish Center
- December 7-22 - The Giving Tree (gifts for Veterans)
- December 14 - Food Pantry Children's Christmas Party, parish center
- December 15 - Parish elections
- December 24/25 - Christmas Eve (Mass 10 pm) and Christmas Day (Mass 10 am)
- January 5 - Installation of Officers
- February 23 - Chocolate Mardi Gras
- February 25 - Toiletry Collection for Bachand Hall (home for girls who have aged out of foster care— Sisters of Ottawa)

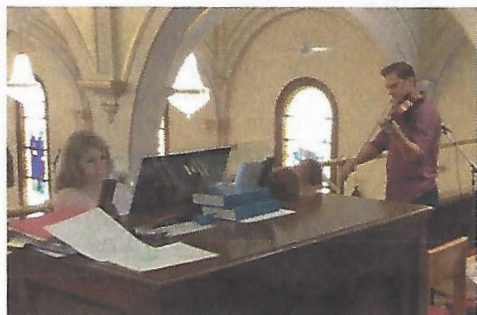
From our parishes...

Holy Savior Parish, Union City, CT



Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

Seventeen Polish National Catholic pilgrims joined us on September 22nd for worship at 9:30. These pilgrims made their way from Connecticut to the See of the PNCC and the Central Diocese. They represent the Adult Class of the School of Christian Living at Holy Saviour Parish in Naugatuck, CT with Father Paul Dudek and his wife. This Adult Class had been studying the history of the PNCC and its members felt it would be very worthwhile to visit St. Stanislaus to experience those places and areas they had only seen in writing.



During the celebration of the Eucharist, the Cathedral Chorale, directed by Beth Howden, enhanced the mass

with the help of Josh Stankowski on the viola.

We were glad to welcome our visitors into our fellowship!!

Thank You from Our Visitors

Dear Prime Bishop Anthony and Bishop Bernard,

WOW, what wonderful memories were made on Sunday, September 22, 2019, for seventeen members of Holy Saviour Parish! From our 6:00 AM departure until our 7:00 PM return, we were truly blessed by our Lord. Our "pilgrimage" to Scranton exceeded my highest hopes!

Upon our arrival at the cathedral, we were immediately greeted in the warmest manner by a smiling Lu Ann. At the start of the Mass, Bp. Bernard graciously welcomed us to Scranton. Fr. Tom along with the choir celebrated an inspiring Mass. We appreciated Bp. Bernard taking the time to meet with us and explain some things about the cathedral and the history of the Polish National Catholic Church. Parish Chairman, Ed, then showed us the youth center after which we

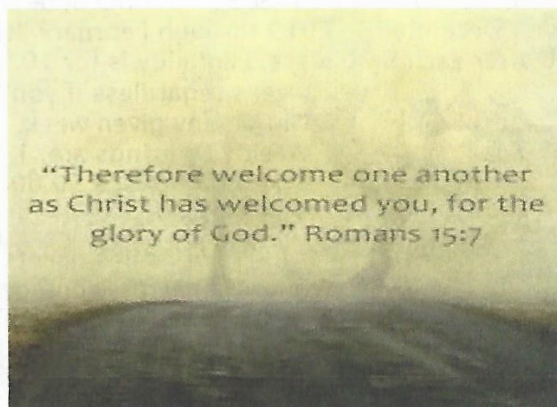


travelled to the cemetery and were able to go inside of Prime Bishop Hodur's Mausoleum. We then went to the National Church Center where my longtime friend, Roger Seliga, gave us a tour. On our way to have an enjoyable lunch at a nearby Panera Bread Restaurant, we drove past the seminary and the church that we "broke away from" in 1897. On our return to Connecticut, we travelled to Waymart and were able to tour the retreat center and Pr. Bp. Hodur's little house. Can't think of anything that we missed.....

On behalf of those who made the trip, I wish to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ for going to great measures to make our trip so fruitful and enjoyable. I am sure that we will be looking back fondly on this visit for a long time to come. Please share these sentiments with all those that helped out in any way.

Sincerely, Ken Krasko,

Vice Chairman, Holy Saviour Parish



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Diocesan Events and Programs

EASTERN DIOCESE ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

On November 6-7, 2019 the Clergy of the Eastern Diocese met in Mercy Center at Madison, CT for their Annual Clergy Retreat. The retreat was led by Bishop John Mack, the Ordinary bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburg Diocese of the PNCC. Bishop Mack led the retreat focusing on the topic of the priestly spirituality and vocation, and on physical, spiritual, and emotional factors of the priestly life. It was a beautiful spiritual journey for all the clergy. Thank you once again to Bishop Mack for this deep spiritual experience.

Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat II @ Mercy by the Sea - Nov. 6-7, 2019



The Clergy of the Eastern Diocese also honored those among them who, this year and in the past years, marked their anniversaries of ordination to the holy priesthood: Fr. Henry Smolinski (50), Fr. Sr. Robert Nemkovich (25), Fr. Adam Czarnecki (25). The clergy also recognized and congratulated Fr. Sr. Joseph Krusienski, who next year will mark his 50th anniversary of his priesthood ordination.

Dear Fathers ! May the love of God be with you so you can serve the people of our Church with joy. Happy anniversary! We dedicate you this prayer:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat @ Mercy by the Sea - Nov. 6-7, 2019



.....By Fr. Henryk Wos

PNU District 3 Thanksgiving Raffle - 2019

4 Parishes participated

Fall River - 127
Manchester, NH - 100
Woonsocket - 85
Central Falls - 60
PNU Convention at Sea - 191
w/ 4 other individuals participating = 75

Donations to offset prizes = \$100

Phil Kaczorowski - 25
Fr. Sr. Rob & Kathy Nemkovich - 25
Brenda Richard - 25
Mike & Maryann Zarek - 25

Winners

1st Prize - \$50 - Janice Kieron (Fall River, MA)
2nd Prize - \$25 - Robert Grenier (Manchester, NH)
3rd Prize - \$25 - Sue Snizek (Dearborn Heights, MI)

Profit for District 3 = \$638.00

Thank you to all who supported our PNU District 3 Raffle -

District 3 will be providing pizza and ice cream Sundays to all attending the Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering and Lock in on December 27 & 28, 2019. God bless you all! We hope that in the future more parishes will support this effort as it does benefit our diocese and youth program.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

For the Parishes of the Northeast Seniorate – Eastern Diocese

Sunday, December 22nd at 4:00 pm

Holy Cross Parish

320 High Street - Central Falls, RI



A fellowship hour with a
Birthday Party for Jesus will follow
You could even bring a gift
(item of winter clothing)

Please join us and RSVP by Dec. 19th to

RobNem21@aol.com



2019 EASTERN DIOCESE PNCC WINTER YOUTH GATHERING & LOCK IN

When: Friday - Saturday - Dec. 27 & 28, 2019

begins at 2:30 pm Friday and ends Saturday morning

Where: Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and be ready for some fun!!



Cost - \$20.00 per person - To register please contact:

Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich - Robnem21@aol.com

Come see your friends in Christ over the Christmas Vacation



Polish Poetry



Urodzony 12 września 1823 w Beremianach na Podolu w rodzinie szlacheckiej. Uczył się w domu, następnie od 1831 w Buczaczu u bazylianów, następnie we Lwowie. W tym okresie poznał Leszka Dunina Borkowskiego, Wincentego Pola, później Karola Szajnochę. W 1844 odwiedził Warszawę, gdzie poznał Kazimierza Władysława Wójcickiego, Paulinę Wilkońską, Łuszczewskich i Teofila Lenartowicza. Z Warszawy pojechał do Puław, następnie do Czarnolasu i Zwolenia, gdzie odwiedził grób Jana Kochanowskiego. Brał udział w pracach konspiracyjnych. W 1847 wyjechał - przez Niemcy i Belgię - do Paryża. W Brukseli poznał Joachima Lelewela, w Paryżu Adama Mickiewicza, Józefa Bohdana Zaleskiego, Fryderyka Chopina, Juliusza Słowackiego. W Paryżu uczęszczał na wykłady Mickiewicza w Sorbonie i College de France, wziął udział w rewolucji lutowej. W 1848 powrócił do kraju, osiadł w powiecie złoczowskim. Kilkakrotnie wyjeżdżał za granicę, w 1860 unikając nadzoru władz przebywał w Jassach. W powstaniu styczniowym nie wziął czynnego udziału, należał do tajnej organizacji rewolucyjnej; w 1863 za zbiorek pt. *Do Moskali* wytoczono mu proces sądowy. W roku 1868 wyjeżdżał do Szwajcarii, Belgii, Włoch i Niemiec. W latach 1877-1878 poseł do Rady Państwa w Wiedniu, występował kilkakrotnie przeciwko konserwatywnemu stronnictwu stańczyków. Zmarł 19 września 1897.



Kornel Ujejski

“Poetry comes nearer to vital truth than history.” - Plato
 „Prawdziwą, typową formą współżycia duchowego jest poezja.” - Karol Irzykowski

Born on September 12, 1823 in Podolian Beremiany to a noble family. At first tutored at home, from 1831 he was educated in a Basilian school in Buczacz and later in Lwów. At that time he met Leszek Dunin Borkowski, Wincenty Pol and Karol Szajnocha. During his visit to Warsaw in 1844 he became acquainted with Kazimierz Władysław Wójcicki, Paulina Wilkońska, the Łuszczewski family and Teofil Lenartowicz. From Warsaw he headed for Puławy, then travelled to Czarnolas and Zwoleń, where he visited the tomb of Jan Kochanowski. He participated in conspiratorial activities; in 1847 he went to Paris via Germany and Belgium. In Brussels he met Joachim Lelewel, in Paris – Adam Mickiewicz, Józef Bohdan Zaleski, Fryderyk Chopin and Juliusz Słowacki. In Paris Ujejski attended Mickiewicz's lectures at the Sorbonne and College de France; he also took part in the revolution of February 1848. Afterwards he returned to Poland and settled in the district of Złoczów. He went abroad several times; in 1860 avoiding the supervision of the authorities he stayed in Jassy. He did not take part in the January Uprising, but did belong to a secret revolutionary organisation. In 1863 he was brought to trial for publishing a collection entitled *Do Moskali* ("To the Muscovites"). In 1868 he travelled to Switzerland, Belgium, Italy and Germany. In the years 1877-1878 as a deputy to the State Council in Vienna, he repeatedly denounced the conservative "Stańczyk" faction. Ujejski died on September 19, 1897.

Translation of poems from *Poets and poetry of Poland* by Paul Soboleski

Chorał

Z dymem pożarów, z kurzem krwi bratniej,
 Do Ciebie, Panie, bije ten głos,
 Skarga to straszna, jęk to ostatni,
 Od takich modłów bieleje włos.
 My już bez skargi nie znamy śpiewu,
 Wieniec cierniowy wrósł w naszą skroń,
 Wiecznie, jak pomnik Twojego gniewu,
 Sterczy ku Tobie błagalna dłoń
 Ileż to razy Tyś nas nie smagałi
 A my, nie zmyci ze świeżych ran,
 Znowu wołamy: "On się przebłagał,
 Bo On nasz Ojciec, bo On nasz Pan!"
 I znów powstajem w ufności szczerzi,
 A za Twą wolą zgniata nas wróg,
 I śmiech nam rzuca, jak głąz na piersi:
 "A gdzież ten Ojciec, a gdzież ten Bóg?"
 I patrzym w niebo, czy z jego szczytu
 Sto słońc nie spadnie wrogom na znak -
 Cicho i cicho, pośród błękitu
 Jak dawniej buja swobodny ptak.
 Owóż w zwątpienia strasznej rozterce,
 Nim naszą wiarę ocucim znów,
 Błuznią Ci usta, choć płacze serce;
 Sądz nas po sercu, nie według słów!

Hymn of Complaint

With smoke of burning — with blood outpouring,
 O Lord! our voice we raise today
 In fearful wailing, in last imploring.
 In bitter sorrow that turns us gray!
 Songs without murmur we have no longer,
 Pierced are our temples with thorny bands,
 Like Thy monuments of" wrath grown stronger,
 To Thee imploring we raise our hands!
 O Lord! how often Thy hand has scourged us, —
 Our red wounds bleeding and yet unhealed;
 We sought Thee vainly when anguish urged us:
 Thou art our Father, and Thou shouldst shield.
 But when we call Thee with hearts confiding
 Then does the mocker, with fury shod,
 Trample upon us and ask, deriding,
 Where is that Father? where is that God?
 We search the heavens for sign or token,
 But suns of omen no signs unfold;
 The silent azure is only broken
 By eagle pinions that soared of old!
 Our dreams grow fearful — with shadows teeming, —
 By doubts distracting our souls are stirred;
 By hearts that suffer not rash blaspheming.
 Judge us, O judge not each frenzied word!

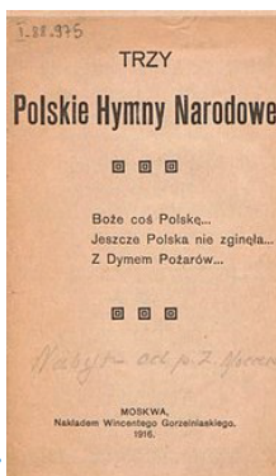
O! Panie, Panie! ze zgrozą świata
 Okropne dzieje przyniósł nam czas,
 Syn zabił matkę, brat zabił brata,
 Mnóstwo Kainów jest pośród nas.
 Ależ, o Panie! oni niewinni,
 Choć naszą przyszłość cofnęli wstecz,
 Inni szatani byli tam czynni;
 O! rękę karaj, nie ślepy miecz!

Patrz! my w nieszczęściu zawsze jednacy,
 Na Twoje łono, do Twoich gwiazd,
 Modlitwą płyniem jak senni ptacy,
 Co lecą spocząć wśród własnych gniazd.
 Osłoń nas, osłoń ojcowską dłońią,
 Daj nam widzenie przyszłych Twych łask,
 Niech kwiat męczeństwa uspi nas wonią,
 Niech nas męczeństwa otoczy blask.

I z archaniołem Twoim na czele
 Pójdziemy potem na wielki bój,
 I na drgającym szatana ciele
 Zatkniemy sztandar zwycięski Twój!
 Dla błędnych braci otworzym serca,
 Winę ich zmyje wolności chrzest;
 Wtenczas usłyszy podły bluźnierca
 Naszą odpowiedź: "BÓG BYŁ I JEST!"

Pod ziemię!

Pod ziemię! pod ziemię! daleko od ludzi,
 O, byle cichego gdzie schronu!
 Ich śmiech mnie tak razi, ich głos mnie tak trzodzi,
 Jak pbrzęk grobnego podzwonu.
 Próg domu nabiłbym ostremi kolcami,
 I lwa bym umieścił przed progiem,
 Bym raz już sam został z mojemu myślami,
 Z mojemu myślami i z Bogiem.
 By nikt mi gadkami codziennych wydarzeń
 Nikt myślą zbrukana, jałową,
 Nie psował świecących obrazów mych marzeń,
 Gdy dumam z schyloną w dłoń głową.
 I byłbym szczęśliwy daleki od wrzasków
 Od śmiechów cynicznych motłochu,
 Daleki od podłych zawiści niesnasków,
 Kto głębiej zanurzył skroń w prochu.
 I byłbym szczęśliwy, lecz niech was nie widzę,
 Odgrodzmy się morzem dalekiem —
 Gdy wglądnę w pierś waszą, gniewam się i wstydzę,
 Że byłem zrodzony człowiekiem!
 Nieznany gdy błędę w waszym mrowim tłumie
 Nie wita mnie żaden duch bratni —
 A mnie się wydaje w mej wzgardzie a dumie,
 Żem z bożych śpiewaków — ostatni.
 Otoczcież mnie takim pokojem i ciszą,
 Bym słyszał jak duchy pokrewne
 Wieszczemi się skrzydły nad ziemią kołyszą
 I w żale rozwodzą się śpiewne.
 A gdy nikt nie wyjdzie naprzeciw mych dążeń
 Mnie ciszy nie szukać daleko —
 Pod ręką jest ziemia głęboka na sążeń
 I drewna kawałek na wieko!



Title page of the song book
 "Three Polish National
 Hymns" (1916)
 with hymns:
Boże coś Polskę,
Jeszcze Polska nie zginęła
Z Dymem pożarów (Choral)

O Lord! what horrors, what woes surround us!
 What days of terror upon us come!
 The Cains are many whose deeds confound us,
 The blood of brothers will not be dumb!
 But judge not sternly, — their eyes are blinded,
 Nor see the evil they do, O Lord!
 O punish instead the baser minded
 Who roused the anger that grasped the sword!
 In our misfortunes Thou still dost hold us
 Close to Thy bosom. We pray for rest.
 Like birds grown weary: — Thy pinions fold us,
 Thy stars shine over our household nest.
 Thy future favor reveal unto us,
 Thy hand protecting above us spread;
 Let flow'rs of suffering to slumber woo us,
 And sorrow's halo surround the head!
 With Thine Archangel to go before us
 We'll march to battle and win the fight;
 In hearts of Satans who triumphed o'er us
 We'll plant Thy standard of victor's might!
 Then erring brethren — of error shriven
 At Freedom's symbol their knee shall bow;
 To vile blasphemers — the answer given, "
 God is almighty and reigneth now! "

Under the Ground

Under ground, under ground, — far away from the crowd,
 Let me seek for a peaceable corner;
 This laughter disturbs me — this voice is too loud,
 That sound is like the voice of a mourner.
 I would heap on my threshold sharp thorns to repel,
 Place near it a lion for warder;
 All alone with my thoughts undisturbed I would dwell,
 With only my God for recorder.
 Around me this every-day prattling should cease,
 All voices of slander and scheming;
 Naught to darken the light of my sweet reverie
 When, hand on my head, I am dreaming.
 O how happy to rest from this turmoil, away
 From cynical sneers, — a calm sleeper,
 Hearing not of the envies — the feuds of the day,
 Or who in the mire has sunk deeper.
 I am happier far in beholding them not,
 Our souls are so widely unmated;
 That I shame when I look on their nature's foul blot
 To be in man's image created.
 My hand seldom meets in this sycophant throng
 The pressure of brotherly fingers,
 And I feel in my heart while its pride surges strong
 That I am the last of God's singers.
 Surround me with quiet and stillness, — surround,
 Save but for the kindred outpouring
 Of spirits, who soaring on pinions unbound
 Break out into tuneful imploring.
 Where no one will enter to listen to me.
 Where silence around me shall hover:
 Six feet under ground let my resting-place be,
 With one narrow board for the cover.

By Fr. Adam Czarnecki



FROM THE CHANCERY OFFICE

Assignments:

- Father Andrzej Tenus was accepted into the United States Army Reserve to serve as chaplain with the rank of captain. He has yet to undergo basic training.
- Father Thomas Walsh was appointed to the National Doctrine Commission by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky.
- Father Henryk Wos has resigned from the Eastern Diocese Liturgical Commission, the National Liturgical Commission, National Commission on Doctrine, and National Commission on PNCC/Anglican Dialog.

Bishop's Visits to Parishes:

Pre-Synodal visits to all parish groupings within the diocese have been scheduled.

Always subject to change and snow days, they are as follows:

- Saturday, January 11, 2020 **Northeast Seniorate (south-area) Pre-Synodal meeting at Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, RI - 11:00 AM**
- Saturday, February 15, 2020 **Northeast Seniorate (north-area) Pre-Synodal meeting at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH - 11:00 AM**
- Saturday, February 22, 2020 **Southwest Seniorate Pre-Synodal meeting at St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, CT - 11:00 AM**
- Saturday, February 29, 2020 **Central Seniorate Pre-Synodal meeting at Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Chicopee, MA - 11:00 AM**

Diocesan and National Meetings: (all times are Eastern)

2019

- Monday, December 2 **National Church Future Direction Sub-Committee "Go to Meeting" - 6:00 PM**
- Monday, December 2 **Eastern Diocese Strategic Planning Teleconference - 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, December 10 **Eastern Diocese Liturgical Commission Meeting - Holy Trinity Parish - Webster, MA - 10:00 AM**

2020

- Wednesday January 29 & Thursday, January 30 **G-4 Continuing Anglican Churches / Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue Meeting - St. Barnabas Anglican Church - Dunwoody, GA**
- Thursday, February 13 **District Three Polish National Union of America Teleconference - 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, February 18 & Wednesday February 19 - **Roman Catholic / Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue Meeting - Archdiocese of Miami - Miami, FL**

Diocesan and National Liturgical Celebrations: (all times are Eastern)

2019

- Saturday, November 30 **Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**
- Sunday, December 1 **First Sunday of Advent - Year A**
- Sunday, December 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**
- Monday, December 9 **Solemnity of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *translated***
- Sunday, December 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
- Saturday, December 21 **Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle**
- Sunday, December 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- Sunday, December 22 **Northeast Seniorate Candlelight Service - Holy Cross Parish - Central Falls, RI - 4:00 PM**
- Tuesday, December 24 **Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord**
- Wednesday, December 25 **Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord**
- Thursday, December 26 **Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon & Proto-Martyr**
- Friday, December 27 **Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (blessing of wine)**
- Saturday, December 28 **Commemoration of the Holy Innocents**
- Sunday, December 29 **Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds**

2020

- Wednesday, January 1 **Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord**
- Thursday, January 2 **Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus**
- Sunday, January 5 **Solemnity of the Holy Family**
- Monday, January 6 **Solemnity of the Epiphany (blessing of incense and chalk)**
- Sunday, January 12 **Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord**
- Saturday, January 18 **Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Antioch, Apostle**
- Saturday, January 18— Saturday January 25 - **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- Saturday, January 25 **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
- Sunday, January 19 **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- Sunday, January 26 **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

- Sunday, February 2 **Solemnity of the Presentation of our Lord (Candlemas - blessing of candles)**
- Monday, February 3 **Commemoration of St. Blaise (blessing of throats)**
- Sunday, February 9 **Septuagesima Sunday (beginning of Pre-Lent)**
- Sunday, February 16 **Sexagesima Sunday**
- Sunday, February 23 **Quinquagesima Sunday**
- Monday, February 24 **Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**
- Wednesday, February 25 **Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)**

Diocesan and National Event Schedule: (all times are Eastern)

2019

- Friday, December 27 - Saturday, December 28 **Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering and Lock-In - Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA**
- Sunday, December 29 **Collection for Savonarola Theological Seminary**

2020

- Wednesday, January 1 **New Year's Day - U.S.A.**
- Monday, January 13 **Martin Luther King, Jr - U.S.A.**
- Sunday, January 26 **Music Scholarship Sunday**
- Saturday, February 1 **Anniversary of the death of Bishop Valentine Gawrychowski - First Bishop of the Eastern Diocese**
- Sunday, February 16 **Anniversary of the death of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur - First Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church**
- Monday, February 17 **President's Day - U.S.A.**

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Prayers For Lighting The Advent Wreath Candles



First Week

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Second Week

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Third Week

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Week

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Author Unknown

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