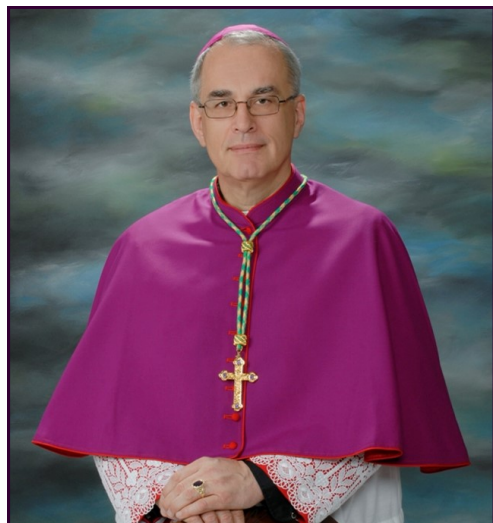
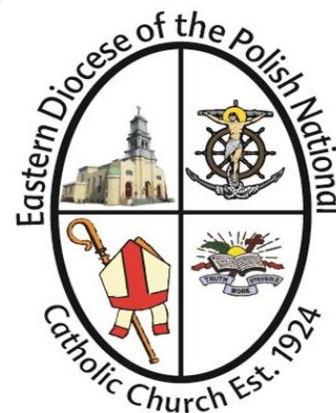


THE MESSENGER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Eastern Diocese
of the Polish National Catholic Church



SUGGESTIONS FOR SUMMER READING

*"It is better for a man to be silent
and be [a Christian], than to talk
and not to be one.*

*It is good to teach, if he who
speaks also acts."*

*The Epistle of St. Ignatius to the
Ephesians, Chapter 15,
Translations by Roberts-Donaldson from
www.earlychristianwritings.com*

Oprah Winfrey has a book club and is one of the many celebrities that people look to for suggested summer reading as they lounge their vacations away.

I would like to jump into that mix and offer two authors of my own. Before you say, "The bishop's suggesting it, so it's going to be overly theological or downright boring," hear me out. I'll even cite a few examples.

This year two important subjects are being presented by the Church to its faithful. The one that you've hopefully heard a lot about is "Discipleship." The second, following the decision of the Supreme Council is "the Election of Bishop-candidates". Both subjects have a profound effect on the Polish National Catholic Church. I would like point our diocese in a historical direction that will have us consider both subjects, reflecting our work as disciples and guiding our prayers for the delegates that will gather in Scranton to elect this October.

So here are my two authors for your consideration: St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna.

Depending on which tradition one chooses, Ignatius was either the second or third bishop of Antioch. Ignatius either followed Saint Peter or followed his successor.

Depending on sources he was also a disciple of St. Peter or St. Paul. Ignatius clearly has a great Christian pedigree.

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He served as bishop at the end of the first century and the beginning of the second. He is considered one of the Apostolic Fathers (those who were disciples of the Apostles). Ignatius wrote seven letters that speak to “discipleship” and it should be remembered that the Church was growing by leaps and bounds at the time. He was also martyred for the faith in the Coliseum in Rome, a martyrdom that he desired and wrote about.

Ignatius' seven letters have much to say about discipleship and the relationship of the people to their bishop. For example, about discipleship: *“Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when ye assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith. Nothing is more precious than peace, by which all war, both in heaven and earth, is brought to an end.”* (Letter to the Ephesians, Ch. 13). And about the office of bishop: *“Now it becomes you also not to treat your bishop too familiarly on account of his youth, but to yield him all reverence, having respect to the power of God the Father, as I have known even holy presbyters do, not judging rashly, from the manifest youthful appearance [of their bishop], but as being themselves prudent in God, submitting to him, or rather not to him, but to the Father of Jesus Christ, the bishop of us all. It is therefore fitting that you should, after no hypocritical fashion, obey [your bishop], in honour of Him who has wired us [so to do]...”* (Letter to the Magnesians, Ch. 3 - Honour Your Youthful Bishop).

St. Polycarp, (69 - 155 A.D.) bishop of Smyrna, was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle and a friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Polycarp is also an Apostolic Father of the Church who was a revered Christian leader and Ignatius' contemporary. Saint Polycarp was also martyred for his faith. His death was recorded in “the Martyrdom of Polycarp.” This document, written about him, together with one surviving “Letter to the Philippians”, is the extent of the early writings we have of this saint. But Polycarp, as Ignatius, spoke to discipleship and the episcopacy: *“And let the presbyters be compassionate and merciful to all, bringing back those that wander, visiting all the sick, and not neglecting the widow, the orphan, or the poor, but always 'providing for that which is becoming in the sight of God and man; ' abstaining from all wrath, respect of persons, and unjust judgment; keeping far off from all covetousness, not quickly crediting [an evil report] against any one, not severe in judgment, as knowing that we are all under a debt of sin. If then we entreat the Lord to forgive us, we ought also ourselves to forgive; for we are before the eyes of our Lord and God, and 'we must all appear at the judgment-seat of Christ, and must every one give an account of himself.' Let us then serve Him in fear, and with all reverence, even as He Himself has commanded us, and as the apostles who preached the Gospel unto us, and the prophets who proclaimed beforehand the coming of the Lord [have alike taught us]. Let us be zealous in the pursuit of that which is good, keeping ourselves from causes of offence, from false brethren, and from those who in hypocrisy bear the name of the Lord, and draw away vain men into error.”* (Second Letter to the Philippians, Chapter 6).

I would commend to all our diocesan family the Seven Letters of St. Ignatius and the Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians and the "Martyrdom of Polycarp." They are all easily accessible through the internet, in the religious sections of major book stores, or even in your local libraries. Perhaps it won't be the "lightest" of reading, but it will certainly put into a better perspective the matters of "discipleship" and the election of bishop-candidates the Church faces this year.

May we all approach our role as Christian disciples as well as the prayerful responsibility we are charged with in preparation for the election of bishop-candidates. From Holy Scripture we read:

" He [God] saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel..."

"For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, Chapter 1, verses 9 - 10 and 6 - 8

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!"

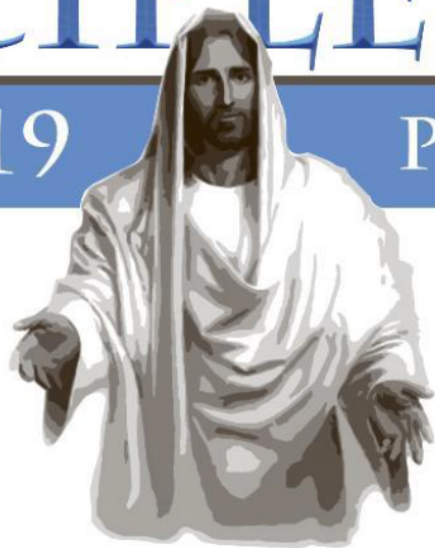
Respectfully submitted this day, October 3, 2018, by the Resolution Committee of the 25th General Synod of Polish National Catholic Church.

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



Bishop Paul burning of palms for Ash Wednesday.



Jo-Ann O'Connell accepting her monetary gift from the Kaffel Scholarship. Jo-Ann used these funds to help her purchase medical supplies for her Project Helping Hands medical mission to Siem Reap Cambodia.



During the Holy Saturday Vigil Bishop Paul baptized a new member to our church.





Easter Sunday Mass was celebrated with the traditional ceremony where some of our men were in the procession carrying statues and ringing bells.



Members of the choir and women from the ANS Society prepared a delightful meal for the Easter dinner. Everyone had a good time and not a soul went home hungry.



Six members of our ANS Society attended the Diocesan meeting which was held at Our Saviors Parish. You cannot see Wanda Piotrowski because she was busy taking the photos. We had a good meeting where we also learned how to make baptismal bibs.



The weather cooperated and our Memorial Day services were held at the cemetery. Ed Raczka placed the wreath for the servicemen who have passed and Stan Bodner played taps at the service.



Upcoming events at the Cathedral:

- ⇒ Sophia Tazbir will make her confirmation on June 16, Father's Day.
- ⇒ The ANS is preparing breakfast for the Tazbir confirmation and all fathers.
- ⇒ The ANS is having a Yard Sale on August 17th which will be held in the circular driveway – if it rains it will be held in the auditorium.



Donna Wyskiel receiving her ANS 25-year certificate from president, Sue Bodner.

By Nancy Reilly

From Our Parishes...

**Discipleship in Action this Spring
at Blessed Trinity in Fall River**



This Spring was a busy one at Blessed Trinity. In addition to our sacramental worship and prayer life we had many activities keeping us on the move. We

opened our doors to welcome the Romeiro's Prayer Pilgrimage on their Lenten journey of prayer, the annual Narcotics Anonymous Seminar, the National Expired Prescription Drug Return in conjunction with the BOLD Coalition, Office of the District Attorney, SSTAR, the DEA and the FRPD (two state reps joined us this day as well), the Fall River Falcons Sign ups, AA weekly open meetings, Kitchen table conversations (suicide loss support)-, the PAWV, Kosciusko Club, special city wide mayoral recall election (with live TV coverage from two Boston and two Providence stations covering this live from our parish parking lot), NA Sisters in Spirit, and Neighborhood watch.



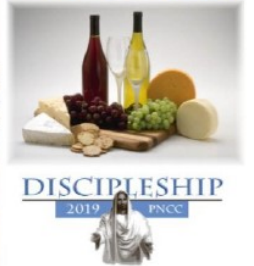
Two Wine and Cheese Faith Conversations were held at the parish on February 28th and May 23rd following the 2019 Future Direction Action Plan. They were wonderful,

Our 1st Wine & Cheese Faith Conversation - 2/28/19



*Wine and Cheese Faith Conversations
Spring 2019*

A time to gather informally and talk about our previous faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Holy Church



uplifting and challenging times spent in discussion on living as disciples - following of Jesus in February and Forgiveness in May.

Romeiros Prayer Pilgrimage at Blessed Trinity I - April 8, 2019



Election Day at Blessed Trinity - Channel 5 (Boston) and 6 & 12 (Providence) from our parish



During the Lenten season we gathered every Friday for our Lenten Suppers and Stations of the Cross. A couple of special weeks were held with parents and grandparents stations and youth stations. Our Lenten Penitential Service and Meal in the Upper Room

was also held during this sacred Great and Holy Lenten journey. Our SOCL youth had some meaningful activities bringing to life the events of our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection and Maya was installed as an Altar Server.



Our PTA held their Beef Stew Dinner and Penny Sale raising funds for our youth to attend our youth retreat. Our parishioners and friends gathered to make Polish Food for our spring Food Sale that was held on Saturday May 11. On March 24 our Spring clam boil was sold out and everyone enjoyed some great food, fellowship and fun.





Our parish youth and PTA had a wonderful afternoon at the Providence Bruins game on Sunday March 3rd. The parish recognized two of our First Responders in the parish, Dave and Steve, for International Fire Fighters day May 4th. We hosted a community breakfast town hall on suicide prevention.



Alan Silvia is attending Suicide Prevention Town Hall Meeting with Carole Fiola at Blessed Trinity PNCC.
1 hr · Fall River, MA ·

Today attending Suicide Prevention Town Hall Meeting presented by members of Bristol County Regional Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Many community groups represented today including FR/NB Samaritans. Thank you to Fr. Nemkovich and his wife Kathy for providing the venue for this very important issue. Let's remove the stigma of this through support and education. #importanttotalkaboutit





On Memorial Day Fr. Sr. Rob offered Holy Mass, then celebrated a Prayer Service at the Monument for our Polish American War Veterans on Plymouth Avenue and thanked them for their service.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter saw our parish recognizing Kalli and Vicki for their five years of faithful service at the Altar. They were given a silver crucifix that they will now wear as they continue serving at the Table of the Lord. Also our parish youth shared memories with Fr. Sr. Rob on Clergy Appreciation weekend.

Our parish School of Christian Living closing ceremonies were held after Holy Mass on Sunday – June 9th. All our SOCL students received certificates of completion and Fr. Sr. Rob thanked our wonderful teachers with a special gift.

Submitted by, *Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich*



From Our Parishes...

Holy Cross News – Central Falls, RI

Spring was eventful at Holy Cross. On Saturday March 23rd we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti supper and parcel post auction to benefit our parish youth. We had an all you can eat family style chicken dinner on May 18 and a big thank you to all who made both events successful for our parish work and ministry.



Holy Cross Spaghetti Supper & Parcel Post - 3/23/2019



Holy Cross Spaghetti Supper II - 3/23/2019



All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner - May 18, 2019



MEAT CROSS PASTOR
All you can eat
Family Style Chicken Dinner
Gift Card & Cash Raffle



Saturday - May 18th at 5:30 pm
\$4 per person - RSVP by May 12th
No tickets will be sold at the door
Join us at Holy Cross Parish
320 High Street - Central Falls, RI
For more contact: Brenda Richard
Email: brichard744@gmail.com
Phone: 408-223-6487



Memorial Day Prayers 2019



Mother's Day 2019 at Holy Cross



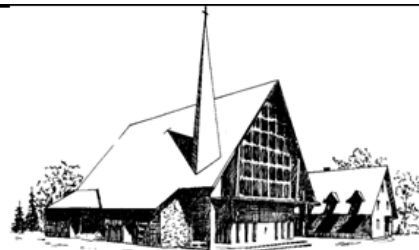
On Mother's Day we gave flowers to the wonderful ladies of our parish.

Some of our parishioners cleaned our war monument remembering those from the parish who lost their lives during the second world war. The Prayers for Memorial Day were offered at the monument on Memorial Day weekend. We look forward to hosting everyone for our seniorate Corpus Christi Mass and Procession on June 20th at 4 pm.

Submitted by,
Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich

From our parishes...

Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, RI



Our Ecumenical Spirit

Our Saviour's Parish takes part in the Ecumenical Services led every year in Woonsocket during Lent. There are usually 5-6 different Christian Churches involved. The people in the area have the opportunity to go and participate in various liturgical services. This year Our Saviour's led the Ecumenical Lenten Service on Wednesday, April 3. Over 80 people joined us that night. Collection was taken for the **New Beginnings**, a local soup kitchen in Woonsocket. We collected over \$200. A free supper followed the service.

'Forty Days - Forty Items' project.

This year during Lent our parish held 'Forty Days - Forty Items' project. On Ash Wednesday and on the first Sunday of Lent the trash bags, with the guideline, were distributed to the parishioners. The idea is to take one item from their house that they no longer wear or need (not broken of course) and put it in the trash bag. They could also add clothes, soaps, tooth paste, deodorants, towels, wash clothes, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, air mattresses, men's clothes (shoes, new underwear and socks). At the end of Lent they brought their bags to church (Sunday following Easter). This year (2019) we collected 46 bags. The collection will brought to St. James Episcopal Church which distributes these items to the poor and needy in Woonsocket.



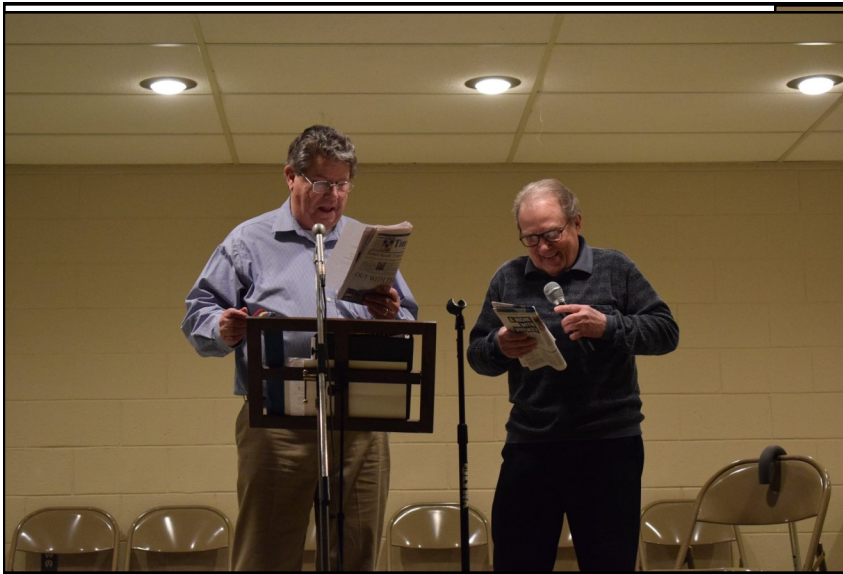
SOCL

The School of Christian Living of Our Saviour Parish in Woonsocket, RI has been recently quite busy with several activities and fundraisers to raise money for the Youth Retreat at Camp Howe in August, and a fun activity for the younger children in the parish.

One of the events was a Free Spaghetti Dinner on March 24. On that Sunday after Mass, our SOCL showed appreciation to Our Saviour's Parishioners and Friends by offering a free Spaghetti & Meatball luncheon with salad, rolls and desserts. The Luncheon was followed by talent show.

Patrycja Wos, Tyler Dixon and Juliana Palin singing together "Halleluia" during talent show





Phil Kaczorowski and Ed Surowiec telling jokes...



Jeff and Michael Ethier playing a saxophone duet



Lindsay Dixon playing the recorder



Bryan Kuchar singing a Broadway tune



Cameron Joshua Palin leading the dancing team



Sara Wos playing piano.

All present enjoyed delicious food and had a lot of fun.

On April 7, our SOCL had its Annual Passion Sunday Breakfast, and on April 14 (Palm Sunday), Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Easter Eggs hunt.

The children once a month participate in a special children's Mass. They read the Readings, Prayer of the faithful, collect the money and provide lively music for the Mass.

After every children's Mass the youngest SOCL kids distribute to the parishioners small packages with candies prepared during classes.

Special bags with Christmas and Easter souvenirs are prepared by the children of SOCL and brought to the sick parishioners and to the residents in the local Nursing Homes.

By Fr. Henryk Wos



Meat Raffle

Our Saviour's Parish held a Meat Raffle on April 26th as a church fundraiser.

We have 3 Meat Raffles during the year (April, September and January).

Many people will ask, "What IS a Meat Raffle"?

The definition of the word **RAFFLE**, according to The American Heritage dictionary is, a lottery in which a number of persons buy chances to win a prize.

At our fundraiser the prizes range from individual pieces of meat to breakfast packages (bacon, eggs and English muffins), mystery bags and envelopes, Penny Social items and Gift Cards, Split-the-Pot and so much more.



Edmund Fox and Gail Surowiec selling a Meat Raffle Pass to Mary Galouski



Lucky! Parishioner Joe Kozlik was our Split the Pot winner!

The word **CHANCE** comes into play because there are many ways you can be a lucky ticket holder.

The word **OPPORTUNITY** means that everyone who attends the meat raffle can mix, mingle and meet

lots of friendly people. It's a fun way to spend a Friday evening out with family and friends.

Our common interest in attending the Meat Raffle is to be **WINNER**. At this Meat Raffle **everyone** goes home a winner.

Please join us on Friday September 27th and take a **chance** and the **opportunity** to have a real good time and know that you will leave as a **winner** in many ways.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. A complimentary soup, beverages and dessert table are available. A Meat Raffle Pass for \$20.00 will the cover the 10 raffles. We begin promptly at 7 p.m. and end before 9 p.m.

Hope to see you in the Fall!



At intermission Patricia Kaczorowski was surprised with a beautiful birthday cake. Sto Lat!!

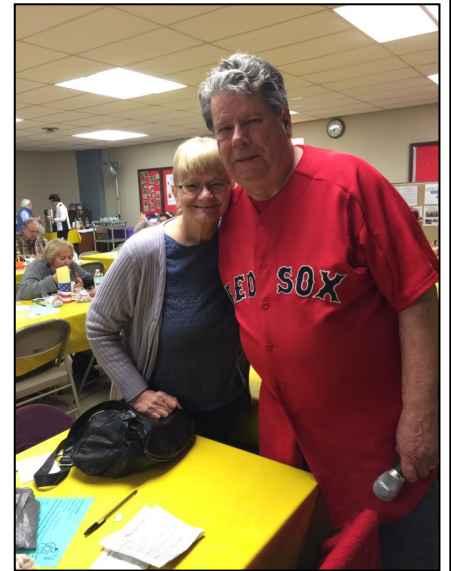
By Patricia and Philip Kaczorowski



Deb Debaucher hopes to be a winner!



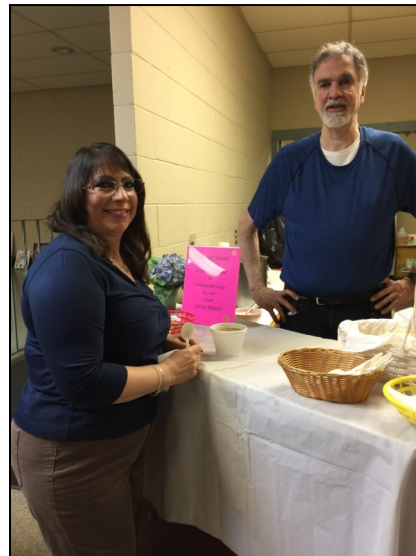
The youth in attendance participated as runners for the Penny Social



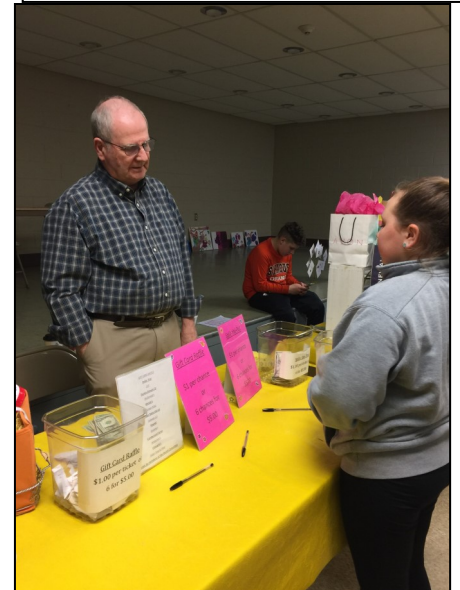
Philip Kaczorowski and Mary Roberts, a long time Meat Raffle supporter



All smiles and a lot of laughs. Pastor Henryk Wos, Sally Watson, and Carol Bibeault



Roberta Dussault enjoying a bowl of Chef Lonnie Watson's delicious Sausage and Kale soup



Raffle table manned by Gerry Ethier and hoping to win Juliana Palin



Lucy Pietrus waits for the customers at the Penny Social Raffle (23 prizes)



Lots of smiles!

First Communion 2019

On Sunday June 2, 2019 two of our SOCL children received their First Holy Communion. It was a joy to see them on that Sunday in the Church. They were well prepared for that moment. Mrs. Nancy Ethier, teacher of our SOCL, had been preparing them for this special moment for the last two years.



Sara and Lindsay with their SOCL Teacher Nancy Ethier

The first Communicants of this year are: Lindsay Dixon and Sara Wos. The Celebration in the Church was followed by the Communion Breakfast, prepared by the First Communicants' Families and the Parish. Everybody enjoyed delicious food and good atmosphere.

Fr. Henryk Wos and Fr. Adam Piekarczywski with Sara and Lindsay

Congratulations to the Parishioners of Our Saviour's graduated this year!

- Congratulations to Linda Gonyea on her graduation from Dean College in Franklin, MA. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree with Summa Cum Laude honors, maintaining a 4.00 average.
- Congratulations to Bryan Kuchar on his graduation! Bryan graduated with a Bachelors Degree (Cum Laude) from The University of Rhode Island.
- Congratulations to Matthew Ethier on his recent graduation from New England Conservatory. He will continue his studies for a Master Degree at Duquesne University in Pittsburg, PA.

By Fr. Henryk Wos

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA

Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA held its yearly Easter egg hunt and bake Sale on Saturday, April 13th with a special visit from the Easter Bunny. There were many children in attendance that started off the morning with coloring pictures and patiently waiting for the hunt to start. The bake sale had some delicious goodies that the parents could purchase to go home. They could try their luck at our raffle table, with one prize being a beautiful hand crocheted blanket donated by one of our parishioners.



Tri-State Firefighters meet

On Sunday, May 19th the Tri-State Firefighters meet was held at Webster Lake. This was Holy Trinity's third year as a food vendor at this event serving hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage, pepper and onion subs. It was a very long and busy day for our volunteers. Thank you to our wonderful committee and parish members that donated food and worked hard to make this day a success.



Holy Trinity Parish - a small congregation with a huge heart

We at Holy Trinity are a very small congregation with a huge heart. One such parishioner is Carolyn Prunier who donated a lawn tractor and trailer to our church. With our gratitude for this act of kindness we got together on a recent Saturday morning to help do yard work at her house. From weed whacking, to cutting down trees, digging in the flower beds and setting out yard furniture we spent a full day trying to repay her for her generosity. Thanks to all for a job well done.



By Rita Ouelette

From our parishes...

Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA



Wayne & Janice Masse observed their 35th Wedding Anniversary. It was on March 24, 1984 that Wayne Masse and Janice Radawoec were joined in Holy matrimony as Christian husband and wife at Holy Mother of the Rosary Church, Chicopee, MA. Father Joseph Milewski officiated. For almost 20 years they have been faithful and practicing members of Holy Cross Parish in Ware, who travel with their family from Granby. Throughout the years they shared in the work and undertakings of our parish, and especially faithfully attending Sunday Mass, feast days and all other occasions with their family. Wayne served as chairman of the Parish Committee for three consecutive terms. At the 85th Anniversary of the parish, they were honored and recognized for their devotion to the Lord and our parish. They are parents of four young people, Cassandra who to this day serves as an altar server, David who was into aeronautics, Matthew and Nathaniel who served as altar server for many years and presently is a firefighter in Granby.

Stephen & Lisa Socha observed their 30th wedding anniversary. It was on April 22, 1989 when Stephen Socha and Lisa Jastrzebski approached the altar of the Lord in Holy Cross Church to be joined in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. Both were reared in our Polish National Catholic Parish of Holy Cross in Ware. Stephen is the son of the late Sylvester Socha Sr. and Stephanie Jasiak Socha. Lisa is the daughter of Phyllis Kulig Jatrzebski and the late Michael Jastrzebski Jr. and the granddaughter of the late Father Michael Jastrzebski who was pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Webster and who died suddenly after celebrating Mass one Sunday. They were joined in marriage by Father John E. Mack, pastor at the time and presently bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese.

The witnesses were Sylvester Socha Jr. and Kathy Jastrzebski. They are parents of two daughters: Chelsea and Caitlin. Stephen retired a few months ago after many years of work and service at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst; Lisa retired from the Country Bank of Savings after many years of employment. Both are very active members and workers in the parish. Stephen, along with his co-helper, Evelyn Mongeau, heads our active pierogi making project, as well as the annual Picnics and Bazaars. Our Parish Family extended sincere congratulations to both couples and sincere prayers that God continue to bless them with good health and strength that they may enjoy life together for many more years and reach their 50th anniversary with joy and gratitude to God for His innumerable blessings!!

Teresa Mazik observed on June 9, 2019, her 40th anniversary after graduating from Springfield College in 1979. She earned her bachelor degree in Physical Education; her Masters in Special Education and also Masters in Occupational Therapy and Special Needs.

Teresa is the associate organist assisting Evelyn Mongeau, the regular organist who for 40 years occupies the organist's bench. Teresa is the daughter of the late Stephen and Jeanette Urban Saletnik. Her last mother, Jeanette, was a very active member and worker who held several parish positions with honor and dignity. Her Dad passed at an early age. Teresa has two children: Charles and Lindsay, both were altar servers.

The Annual Parish Polish Picnic was held on Sunday, June 9th on the parish grounds. Preparations were taking place for several weeks, Polish food was prepared for a few months, gifts and prizes were collected, filled baskets and various pastries were available; the kitchen was open all afternoon. As always friends and parishioners gathered in a large number throughout the afternoon amounting to more than 400. In the Ware area Holy Cross Church pierogi are the best according to the attendees. Stephen Socha and Evelyn Mongeau head the Picnic Committee assisted by parish volunteers, both young and old, with friends of the parish also assisting willingly and gladly.

Members of the local parishes along with their pastors attend and add to the success of the undertaking. Father Senior's relatives from Syracuse and Utica, New York drive to Ware to participate and enjoy the food, socialize with the very fine people in attendance and enjoy a quiet town gathering. The Parish is blessed with willing workers who give so much of their time in preparing the Polish food that is traditional in our area such as: barszcz, kapusta, fresh cabbage pierogi, kielbasa, etc.

Father Senior Banas observed his 30-year pastorate of Holy Cross Parish. It was on May 15, 1989 that he assumed the position of pastor and has faithfully executed his duties as a loyal Polish National Catholic Church priest. He always remembered the words of Prime Bishop Francis Hodur spoken at his ordination along with five other neopresbyters: Be good priests! Love and serve your parishioners! Build with them our Church on the foundation that has been laid, a free, democratic, progressive church of Christ. Lead by your very example our members to Christ that becoming faith-filled and spirit-filled they become protectors of Christ's pure and undefiled Gospel. The Polish National Catholic Church was to be patterned after the Early Church of Christ, powerful in spirit, excited at the name of Jesus, modest and humble in appearance that would draw the spiritually hungry and thirsty to its doors and altars. Preaching the Good News of the Lord was essential by instituting the Word of God, Heard and Preached Sacrament. Time marches on but the good accomplished lives in the hearts of those who were the recipients of the Word and love of God..

Submitted by: Fr. Sr. Fryderyk S. Banas

From our parishes...

St. Valentine's Parish, Northampton, MA

St. Valentine Celebrates ZAPUSTY

Fr. Adam Czarnecki, pastor, invited parishioners, Polish Classes students and friends of Polonia to the Polish Observance of Zapusty or Tłusty Wtorek (Fat Tuesday). This is the day before Ash Wednesday and closes the party season inaugurated on Sylwester. This holiday is celebrated elsewhere as Mardi Gras. Friends enjoyed eating, dancing and singing Polish Folk tunes. Food enjoyed during

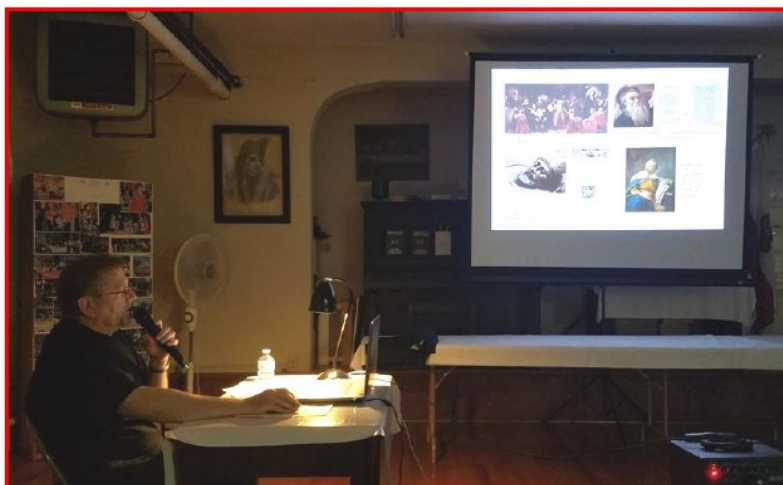


the festive occasion included kielbasa, cheese, crackers, pastry, homemade *paćzki* packed filled with fruit preserves. Eating the *paćzki* is supposed to bring to mind the contrast between the sweetness of the preceding carnival season and the fast days of the forthcoming Lenten season. All in attendance had a great time, socializing and enjoying this wonderful Polish custom and tradition.

by Robert Gibowicz



CELEBRATION OF POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY



Northampton's Polish Heritage Committee in conjunction with St. Valentine's Polish National Catholic Church observed Polish Constitution Day on **Friday May 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm** by the celebration of a bilingual Holy Mass at St. Valentine's Church. Following the Holy Mass all were invited to the Parish Hall for the PowerPoint presentation on the Polish Constitution and her similarities with the US Constitution made by Fr. Adam Czarnecki. After the presentation approximately fifty individuals enjoy a fellowship and light refreshments.

On May 3, 1791, Poland became the second state, after only the United States, to adopt a comprehensive written constitution for the purpose of defining the structure of government. Unfortunately, the Polish Constitution was never fully implemented, because its promises of reform caused Russia, Austria and Prussia

to complete their plans for the final partition of Poland.

The writers of May 3 Constitution found inspiration from the text and philosophy of the Constitution that the United States had adopted less than four years earlier.

First similarity we find in the origins of the authority in the country. First words of the US Constitution *"We the People of the United States"* states that all the authority comes from the people. Same Article V of May 3 Constitution *„Wszelka władza społeczności ludzkiej początek swój bierze z woli narodu."* (*"All authority in human society takes its origin in the will of the people."*)

The similarity is evident in the preambles of these respective documents. In its preamble, the Constitution of the United States lists six goals for the new American government. At least three of these are repeated in the Polish Constitution. Both documents recognize a need to promote the general welfare. The United States Constitution looks for government to *"provide for the common defense"*, Poland's charter similarly strives *"for the preservation of our country and its borders."* While the founding fathers of the United States sought to *"secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity"*, the authors of the May 3 Constitution stated their desire *"to merit the blessings and gratitude of contemporary and future generations... for the establishment of liberty."*

US Constitution in its first three articles describes three branches of government: the legislative, the executive and the judicial. Article V of the Polish Constitution states *"that the integrity of the states, civil liberty, and social order remain forever in equal balance,"* the government of the Polish nation shall consist of three branches: the legislative, the executive, and the judicial. These three branches of government are described in the next three articles of the Constitution.

Also both constitutions describe similar construction of the legislative branch of government - Congress of the United States, which consist of a Senate and House of Representatives and Polish Sejm (Polish parliament) *"divided into two chambers: a chamber of deputies, and a chamber of senators."*



Memorial Day Service

On Monday, May 27, 2019, 10 am a Memorial Day Holy Mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity Cemetery of St. Valentine's Parish in Hatfield, Massachusetts. We honored all of the soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom, those who are serving in the military, their families and all the departed souls of our Parish who worked so very hard for St. Valentine's Church. May they all rest in peace.



From our parishes...

St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, CT



People in Manchester, CT, have enjoyed the Polish dinners at St. John's Parish. The first one (Saturday, March 2) gathered 70 people who enjoyed Polish pierogi, golabki & bigos.



The food raffle was held during our meal with 3 prizes full of our delicious homemade food. The second Polish Dinner was held on April 27 to mark the Easter season! More than 65 people attended and enjoyed Polish fried sausage with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and of course golabki (already famous in Manchester!).

The celebration of the Holy Week gathered at St. John's not only parishioners but also some friends & visitors. We had Holy Mass on Maundy Thursday with washing of the feet, ALL DAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday with the Good Friday Service.

On Holy Saturday we had the traditional blessing of the Easter baskets (with some first participants!), followed by the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM.





Final exam & graduation ceremony of the Polish Language Course was held at St. John's on May 11, 2019. The course started in December 2018 with 18 participants – mostly Americans who decided to learn some Polish for various reasons (many of them have Polish roots). Six students passed the final exam (A1 level) & received certificates. One student decided to join our parish after this experience.

St. John's parish community celebrated Mother's Day 2019 with the solemn Eucharist & special pancake & sausage breakfast prepared after the Mass by Mr. Joseph Bednarz (parish committee chairperson). During the celebration in the church all mothers received a rose and a special blessing.

Everybody enjoyed this special time together!



By Fr. Adam Piekarczywski

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT



During the month of May, Holy Trinity PNCC in Plantsville, CT held its first food drive of the year. Non-perishable food products were collected and brought to the local Food Bank in Southington. Holy Trinity holds food drives twice per year on “off months” to help support the food bank when donations sometimes fall short. Pictured with some of the donations are three young men of the church who are currently studying for their First Communion.



L-R: Aiden Daviault, Ethan Soboleski and Trey Hearn

Submitted by: Marilyn Folcik

From our parishes...

St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA



Lenten Retreat

On Saturday, March 9, St. Casimir's Parish hosted the annual Northeast Diocesan (Northern parishes) Lenten retreat.

Mass was celebrated by Father Senior Robert Nemkovich assisted by Father Wos, Father Tenus and Cleric Justin Daviault. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski was seated in the sanctuary. Music was furnished by diocesan choir members accompanied by Karen Sobiechowski. Several inspirational presentations were made by Father Nemkovich and Kathy Nemkovich.

A light lunch was served and then the attendees adjourned again to the church where appropriate Lenten hymns were introduced by Karen Sobiechowski and Stations of the Cross were led by Cleric Daviault.



Easter Egg Hunt

St. Casimir's Easter Bunny (Jonah Tenus) was very tricky this year, it took the kids twice as long to find the eggs. That made the egg hunt more exciting for the children.

From L to R Vesuvio Guida, Amelia Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt, Christopher Tenus, Neveah Guida. Two students were missing, Olivia Sigman and Preston Guida.



Easter Basket Raffle



An Easter basket raffle sponsored by ANS was held on Holy Thursday. The winner was Irene Jaracz. Her name was drawn by Fr. Andrew.

The traditional Polish Easter Food Basket contained ham, kielbasa, pisanki and symbolic items that traditionally fill a Polish Basket. The Basket was blessed by Fr. Tenus and was donated by ANS member Paula Jones with contributions from Deb Charette and Joyce Normand.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

On Sunday, April 14, a Bake Sale sponsored by St. Casimir's ANS Society was held. Many delicious items were offered for sale.

Displayed on Spring-themed tables were dozens of cakes, cookies and homemade foods. One of the special features of the Bake Sale was a focus on traditional Polish Easter items. Generous parishioners donated several different kinds of Babki (Polish sweet bread), Butter Lambs, pączki (Polish donuts), and Pisanki (hand-crafted wax resist eggs).



Promoting Polish culture is important to our parish and the community. The Bake Sale was a marvelous success. Happy customers bought many treats to make their Easter week special.

Celebrating Easter Week

Another wonderful Easter week was celebrated and enjoyed by the parishioners and friends of St Casimir's.



Starting off with Palm Sunday, continuing through the week with various religious and social events during Holy Week and culminating with a glorious Easter Sunday Mass and procession.

Observing Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, April 18, Father Tenu celebrated Mass to commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. At the conclusion of Mass everyone headed to the Parish Center for "Soup Supper". The Lenten meal sponsored by St. Casimir's ANS included corn chowder, vegetarian gumbo, tossed salad and several different breads. In addition,



there was an assortment of desserts to round out the meal. Participants enjoyed fellowship as they remembered the significance of Holy Thursday.

Mother's Day Tea

A Mother's Day Tea was held Sunday, May 5th, after Mass to honor all mothers living and departed. The event was jointly sponsored by the members of St. Casimir's Frederick Chopin Choir and the ANS Society.

Father Tenus said a special prayer for mothers and blessed the food. The Tea featured lovely decorated



edtables with antique tea cups, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries as well as mother-themed activities.

St. Casimir's Donates to Bachand Hall in Lowell

Our annual drive for the girls of Bachand Hall was very successful. Toiletries, gift cards and checks were delivered to Sister Cecile Cloutier (Sisters of Charity of Ottawa) who provides shelter and food for girls who have aged out of foster care and need guidance and assistance until they are prepared to be on their own.

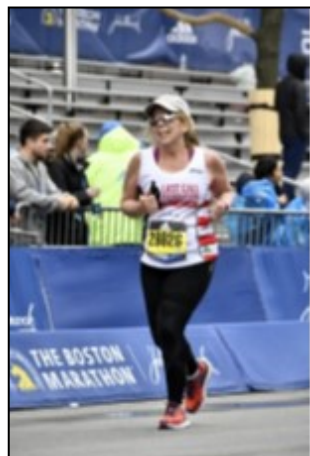
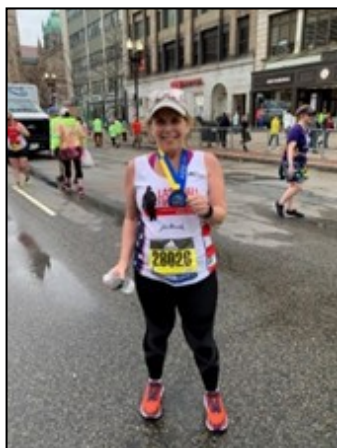
Sister Cecile sent a card thanking all for their kindness and generosity.



Parishioner Karen Breault runs 2019 Boston Marathon

Karen began her training in late November 2018. She logged about 397 miles before training ended, many on a treadmill due to difficult weather conditions.

This was Karen's 4th marathon, but first Boston Marathon (others were Chicago, Baystate (Lowell), and Honolulu). By running the Boston Marathon Karen was able to raise \$3500 for Last Call Foundation, which was founded in memory of Boston firefighter Michael Kennedy. Last Call Foundation provides funding, education and research to advance the safety needs of firefighters everywhere.



Karen's husband Dave was her #1 supporter during training. During long runs, he would meet her at various points on the route to provide replenishment and much-needed words of encouragement and support. Karen commented: "The marathon was an amazing event! I'd never attended as a spectator so this was my first time at the event and it was everything I thought it would be and more! The weather was variable as anticipated, but the most significant weather challenge was completely unexpected - direct sun and heat for about 9 miles! Being a slower runner was beneficial to me as I was behind the most severe weather of the day. My completion time was 6:13:30 - about 45 minutes

longer than I had hoped, but I still ran 26.2 miles! This was a bucket list item for me, and something I've dreamed of doing since I started running races. "

From Our Parishes...

Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT

**Annual Greenville Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up Walk,
May 19, 2019**



Divine Providence Parish church members participating in the Annual Greenville Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up Walk sponsored by the church pictured above with Greenville Revitalization Zone (GRZ) volunteers. The church members include Peter Lehman (fourth from right), Henry Fidrych, Jr. (far right), Ilia Chavez (fifth from right), and William Ventura (third from right). Reverend Christopher Rogalski and George Ververis were church members who also participated but are not in the picture.

The Divine Providence Parish, Norwich CT is preparing for Pentecost Sunday and summertime. The mass during July-August will be celebrated at 9:00am. There will be no choir rehearsals after September. YMSofR #27 is preparing the annual parish picnic. The Taste of Poland and Bingo committee is preparing for participation in the Polish Festival on June 23 as a part as the Global City Norwich event. We wish you all a blessed and happy summer.

By Fr. Christopher Rogalski

National Events– From the Ecumenical Field.....

2019 UNION OF SCRANTON CONVOCATION
FOR RESTORATION AND RENEWAL OF THE UNDIVIDED CHURCH:
THROUGH A RENEWED CATHOLICITY
ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP AND MARTYR CATHEDRAL - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 24-26, 2019



The Union of Scranton (the Polish National Catholic Church and the Nordic Catholic Church) hosted a second Convocation for Restoration and Renewal of the Undivided Church: Through a renewed Catholicity. This gathering built upon the foundations laid at the first Convocation held in Dublin, Ireland in March of 2018.

The purpose of this gathering was to invite selected bishops, mostly from Anglo Catholic Churches in the United States, Canada and Africa, to discuss the preservation and the strengthening of ecumenical catholicity within non-papal aligned traditions. Confronted with the present crisis of faith, the desired goal is to create the foundation blocks for a united witness so that the doctrinal and historical coherence can be saved for the future. It is our conviction that Old Catholicism, based on "The undivided faith of the first millennium", stands out as the best platform to address not only the crisis of faith but also the present challenges from aggressive secularism and militant Islam. The Convocation moved forward to recapture the structure, unity and communion of the Church as found in the Church of the first thousand years.

In this call to restoration and catholicity, possible paths for such a restoration were examined with the following presentations given in this order:

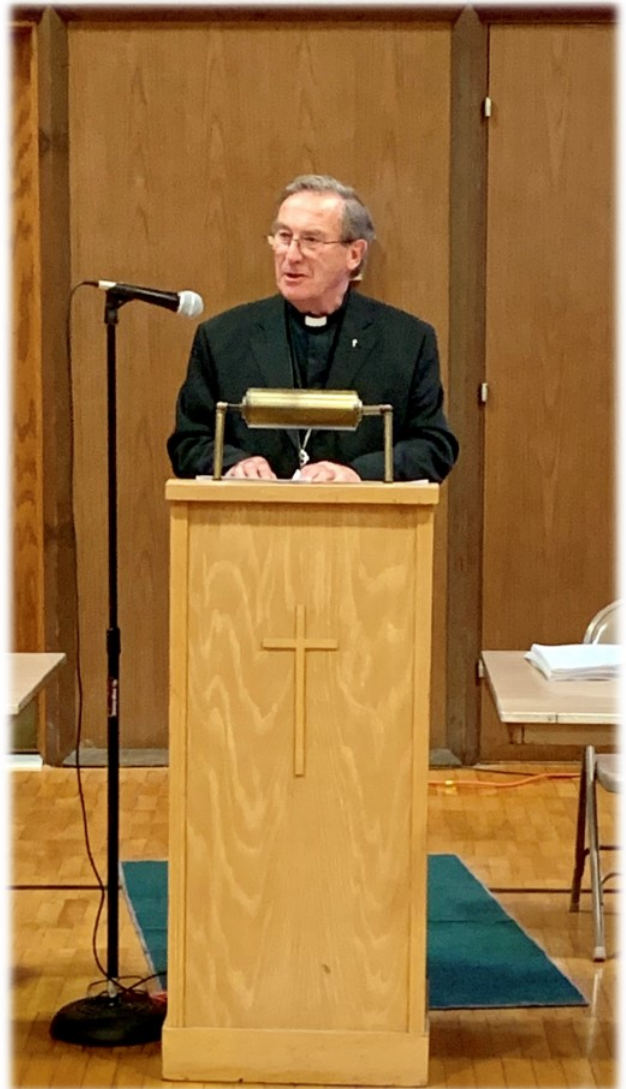
Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky of the Polish National Catholic Church: Ecclesiology of the Union of Scranton

Very Rev. Geoffrey Neal (Vicar General of the Nordic Catholic Administration in the United Kingdom): Holy Orders and Apostolic Succession

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr. of the Polish National Catholic Church moderated a discussion on proposed additions to the document "Requirements for Communion with the Polish National Catholic Church" from the Post Dublin Collaborative working group on Catholic Essentials for Unity



Twenty-five participated in this Convocation from the PNCC, Nordic Catholic Church, Missionary Diocese of All Saints, Diocese of the Holy Cross, Anglican Province of America, Diocese of Dunwka (Anglican Communion Africa), ACNA, Anglican Union and the TAC. After the presentations, time was spent in small break out groups to discuss the papers and find consensus to move forward towards a renewed catholicity. The formal papers presented can be found on the Union of Scranton Website: TheUnionofScranton.org






A Convocation Prayer adapted by Very Rev. Geoffrey Neal from William Laud was offered during Morning and Evening Prayer:

Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church; fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it, where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O thou Holy One of Israel, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



The Union
of Scranton





The Convocation concluded with the Holy Sacrifice of Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky of the Polish National Catholic Church and Bishop Paul Hewett of the Diocese of the Holy Cross offered an inspiring homily.

We are scheduling a third convocation in the spring of 2020.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Very Rev. Robert M. Nembovich Jr.

Ecumenical Officer, Polish National Catholic Church







2019 Union of Scranton Convocation For Restoration and Renewal of the Undivided Church Through a renewed Catholicity

What brings us together?

Following our initial Convocation in Dublin, Ireland in March of 2018, leaders from the Polish National Catholic Church, the Nordic Catholic Church, Federation of Anglican Churches in America, Anglican Province of America, Missionary Diocese of All Saints, Anglican Church in America, Traditional Anglican Church, Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, Anglican Union along with observers from ecclesial bodies in Sweden and Canada met again in Scranton Pennsylvania at Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral from 24th to 26th April, drawn by a common urgency to present the message of God's liberating grace and hope for this world as expressed through the historic catholic faith.

The leaders present declared in their time of prayer, study and dialogue that they share the conviction that the Holy Spirit has brought these leaders together following as agreed in the statement of the 2018 Dublin Convocation Statement on Missional and Ecclesial Fellowship which states that: *we are called "to seek ecumenical catholicity, the fellowship in Christ we share and the Standards of Faith that we each cherish and safeguard among us, we pledge...*

- 1) *Mutual Participation in Synods and Conferences where possible*
- 2) *Mutual dialogue, study and implementation of common missional objectives*
- 3) *Exploring possibilities of ministry partnerships where possible.*
- 4) *To foster growing fellowship and commitment to find a path for a renewed ecclesial community based in principles of ecumenical catholicity*

In these pledges, we jointly established working groups on catholic identity and sacramental expression of that identity. We rejoice in receiving recommendations from those two working groups which have challenged us to consider fresh and new ways in which our fellowship can with trust and confidence work together in realizing a closer fellowship leading to the full visible unity of the Church and to make manifest the growth in communion which we are committed to.

What took place?

Experiencing a deep sense of our commonality in the time we have spent together we received testimony from Rev. Geoffrey Neal, Vicar General on the ecclesiastical experience of the oratories in England becoming part of the Union of Scranton through the ministry and oversight of Bishop Roald Flemestad of the Nordic Catholic Church.

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky further affirmed the praxis of this experience in his discourse on the practical ecclesiological principles for application in the forming of the Union of Scranton.

Both of these presentations were followed up by three response groups who agreed in principle that the review of how the Union of Scranton has been lived into in practice offered some fresh

perspectives of seeing one another and offers the potential for a new dynamic in our inter-relationships, helping us to find undiscovered fruit in what has already been done before. This will enable us to address fully the various questions among us requiring additional clarification on matters such as Holy Orders, Jurisdictional transfers and polity.

We have found that the method of discussion focused on seeking a consensus proves to be a fruitful means of overcoming misunderstandings both in Dublin and again in our gathering in Scranton.

It is a conciliar model that we seek to embrace to deal with past, present and future complexities. Respecting differing perspectives, we hope to arrive at models for a new expression of catholic communion.

What we seek together

Our churches face similar challenges in communicating the Gospel in an increasingly hostile secular world where the catholic faith is increasingly marginalized. There is a challenge for us who have received the faith once delivered to the saints to witness to God's profound grace in a pattern of unity that is rarely seen in church traditions.

Our proclamation of the faith, our traditions and teachings need to be communicated in a way which better reaches people today while safeguarding the eternal truths without compromise. Such an effort requires careful cooperation, study, dialogue and application, which we are committed to in this coming year to lay the foundation for an emerging conciliar catholicity for the 21st Century.

As we prayed together during these days, it became clear for the need to go forward affirming our common biblical, sacramental, creedal and ecclesial heritage, seeking pathways for a more visible common witness in worship and service in our journeying together.

Next Steps

We will continue to collaborate with the working groups to continue the momentum generated by our gatherings to move toward a common life and a common catholic witness. We shall gather again in Convocation to consider the reports of the working groups and how to best implement the recommendations.

Conclusion

We thank God for the opportunity to experience this holy fellowship. We are grateful for the generous hospitality offered to us by the PNCC during our time in Scranton which has enabled us to move forward together on our journey, inspired and energized to bring renewed ecumenical catholic witness to the world. May the Holy Spirit bring to completion the work God has begun.

Convocation Prayer

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where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it;
where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it;
where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it,
O thou Holy One of Israel, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Diocesan Events and Programs:

2019 Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreats, Meal in the Upper Room & Annual Meeting

The parishes of the Northeast Seniorate of our Eastern Diocese held two Lenten Retreats, our annual Meal in the Upper Room Service and our annual seniorate meeting.



Lenten Retreats were held on Saturday March 9 and March 16 at Saint Casimir's Parish in Lowell, MA and Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA. The retreats began with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich and Frs. Wos and Tenus were the homilists respectively. Our first session was a presentation "Not So Fast" by Kathy Nemkovich. Kathy reflected on our Lenten Journey and how it is not so much about "fasting" from a food or drink for lent, but rather, abstaining from a sinful or bad habit to make us better and more prepared disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Fr. Andrzej Tenus then led the retreat in praying the Litany of the Passion. Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich gave a presentation on the Last Words of Christ using reflections from the paralytic, the rich young ruler, John the beloved, Martha, Matthew, The disciples and the donkey, the





adulteress and James the Letter from the Skit Guys and showed the video, "Remember Me" with scenes from the Passion of the Christ. Midday prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours was prayed prior to lunch.

Karen Sobiechowski lead singing of Lenten Hymns with reflections in between: sacred time of meditation, singing and prayer. The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was then read, and the retreat concluded with Fr. Henryk Was leading the Stations of the Cross. Thanks to both St. Casimir's Parish and Blessed Trinity Parish for their warm hospitality.

The Meal in the Upper Room was hosted at Blessed Trinity





Parish on Passion Sunday – April 7th. A special meal of lamb was served recalling the Passover Meal our Lord shared with His Apostles. There were readings from Holy Scripture, hymns, and a representation of Jesus’ words and actions during the Last Supper - the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski concluded this service by giving his Apostolic blessing. Special thanks were given to the Nemkovich family and Joanne Oliveira for their efforts in prepar-



ing the meal and setting the room for this special commemoration.

Members of the Seniorate had their annual meeting via *Go To Meeting* on Thursday – May 9, 2019. The activities and events for the seniorate for the next year were planned. Our Seniorate Corpus Christi Mass and Procession will be on Thursday, June 20th at Holy Cross in Central Falls, RI and our Candlelight Service will be held on December 22nd at Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI. Next year our Lenten Retreats will be held on March 7, 2020 at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH and March 14, 2020 at Our Saviour’s in Woonsocket. The Meal in the Upper Room will be on March 29, 2020 at Blessed Trinity and our next Seniorate meeting will be held on May 7, 2020.

Meal in the Upper Room II - April 7, 2019



Submitted by, *Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich*

DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS

On Holy Tuesday April 16, 2019 Divine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT, hosted the Diocesan Chrism Mass. The Holy Mass of Chrism was celebrated by Bp. Paul Sobiechowski and the Clergy of the Eastern Diocese.

The Chrism Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. During the Mass the clergy reaffirm their ordination vows. The Holy Oils, used by the Church in the Sacramental Rites, are blessed by the Bishop. During the Masse bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens used in Baptism; The Holy Chrism which is used in Confirmation, Baptism, the Ordination of Priests, the consecration of Bishops, and in the consecration of Altars, Chalices and Church buildings, and bells; and the Oil of the Sick used in the anointing of the sick.

These Holy Oils are symbols of spiritual nourishment and the light of grace, and are presented to and received by the parish communities on Holy Thursday during the Mass of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist (The Lord's Supper).

The beautiful music for the Mass was provided by Karen Sobiechowski and the United Choir members of the Eastern Diocese.

Following the Chrism Mass the clergy and the faithful gathered for an excellent meal prepared by the Parishioners. Thank you to Fr. Christopher Rogalski and the Parishioners of Divine Providence Parish for their hospitality.

By Fr. Henryk Wos



**Eastern Diocese United Women's Societies for the
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
68th Convention
Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, RI
May 18, 2019**

The 68th Annual Convention of the United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament was held on Saturday, May 18, 2019, hosted by the sisters of Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI. Holy Mass, celebrating the Year of Discipleship, using the contemporary rite was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, diocesan bishop, assisted by the Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski (Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT); the Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak (St.



Arlene Strazzulla reads Joshua 24:14-18.

Joseph's Parish, Westfield, MA); the Rev. Henryk Wos (Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI); the Rev. Andrzej Tenus (St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA); the Rev.



Diane Hodgkins reads Romans 10:9-18.

Thomas Walsh (St. Joseph's, Stratford, CT), , the Rev. Pawel Lukaszewicz (Holy Mother of the Rosary, Chicopee, MA) and Blesser Justin Daviault (Holy Trinity, Plantsville, CT). The sermon was preached by Father Senior Soltysiak, chaplain of the Eastern Diocese ANS.

The readers were Arlene Strazzulla and Diane Hodgkins. The Gospel was proclaimed by Father Lukaszewicz and the intercessions read by Blesser Justin Daviault. Parish organist Sally Watson, led diocesan choir members in appropriate hymns.

Father Wos, pastor of Our Saviour Parish, extended greetings of his parish and the local ANS Society.

After a group picture, all present assembled in the parish center to partake of light refreshments.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President JoAnn Menzia who asked Father Senior Krusienski to give the invocation. She then welcomed Bishop Sobiechowski, clergy, delegates and guests.

President Menzia introduced the theme of our convention which was chosen to coordinate with the program instituted by the 2014 General Synod (Future Directions) entitled Discipleship.

The mandate committee was ratified on a motion by Brenda Richards, seconded by Phyllis Hunt and passed .

Sally Watson gave the Mandate report. Present were 1 bishop, 6 priests, 1 blesser, 10 executive board members, 11 delegates and 5 guests, for a total of 34 people representing 9 parishes.

Recording Secretary Janice Klimczak then conducted the Roll Call after which Bishop Sobiechowski administered the Oath of Office to delegates.

Minutes of the 67th Annual Convention, held in Plantsville, CT, Saturday, May 19, 2018 had been sent out with the mandates and were accepted on a motion by MaryAnn Curylo, seconded by Phyllis Piecuch and passed.

The treasurer's financial report was prepared by Sally Watson.

The report of the financial secretary was prepared by Susan Locks.

The financial books had been examined at the annual executive board meeting held in February and were found to be in order. A motion to accept all reports was made by Nancy Reilly, seconded by Arlene Strazzulla and passed.

Father Andrew Tenus was called upon to give an overview of how we, as women in the church, are disciples or followers of Christ.



Father Pawel Lukaszewicz reads Gospel of Matthew 7:21-29.



Father Thomas Walsh gave examples of how, throughout her life, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was his first disciple. In his summary, Father Walsh said:

Discipleship is: a call to action; about building up the body of Christ, the Church; about spreading sound doctrine. It requires courage, calls us to be open to the Lord's presence in our lives, calls us to discern and accept the Lord's plan for our lives, trusts in the Lord's power, exists in a loving and nurturing community and is a call to live a life devoted to prayer and the teachings of Jesus.

Father Senior Soltysiak delivers homily.



Father Thomas Walsh speaks on Mary, the first Disciple.

In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus tells his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them all that I have commanded you." We become disciples at our baptism and a presentation on baptism, would cover one of the goals of Future Directions—continuing education. Father Senior Soltysiak explained the history of baptism and covered some of the finer points. Some sisters could be heard to say "I didn't know that" or "I forgot about that". Father performed a mock baptism with a "Gronk" doll explaining what is done and why. He was assisted by Diane Hodgkins and Janice Klimczak. Janice later explained how she makes baptismal bibs for youngsters being baptized, gave patterns and showed samples.

After grace was offered by Father Wos we broke for lunch at 1:30 pm and a delicious meal was served by the ladies of the parish.

The meeting resumed at 2:10 pm at which time the President led us in prayers for our sisters who have passed away in the past year as well as for the health of those sisters who are ill. She also reminded us that we are to be disciples daily and bring the Gospel to all by our actions.



Janice Klimczak speaks on baptismal garments.

MaryAnn Curylo led us in playing a game of *Name that Hymn* which was enjoyed by all.

Marilyn Folcik was the caller in a game of Discipleship Bingo, an original game in which members had earlier made their own game cards using words about discipleship generated from



Father Senior Soltysiak "baptizes" Baby Gronk.

an original word search puzzle. Blesser Daviault was the winner of a lovely wall cross with the words of Philippians 4:13 (I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me) engraved on it.

Janice Klimczak spoke about POLKA magazine and the new publication practices. Hard copies of issues can be ordered at a cost of \$4 per issue or can be received electronically for free.

Bishop Sobiechowski encouraged members to subscribe to POLKA as well as send articles about local ANS activities.

It was announced that the 2020 Convention will be hosted by Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, RI on May 16, 2020.

On a motion by Sue Locks, seconded by Phyllis Piecuch, a donation of \$500 was made to defray costs of the Youth Retreat at Goshen to be held August. We were reminded to encourage the youth of our parishes to take part.



Mary Ann (Bunny) Curylo leads Name that Hymn.

The basket raffle brought in \$ 300. As has been the custom, half the proceeds were given to the Woonsocket ANS to donate to a charity of their choice.

President Menzia thanked all for their attendance as well as the host parish ANS sisters, Bishop Sobiechowski, clergy, executive board members, readers, kitchen workers, liturgical commission members, organist and choir.

Bishop Sobiechowski made closing remarks and expressed his thanks to everyone for such a beautiful and inspiring convention. He asked us to keep in our prayers the Special Synod to be held in Scranton, PA on October 25, 2019 to choose candidates for the office of Bishop.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm with a prayer by Father Lukaszewicz and benediction pronounced by Bishop Sobiechowski.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Klimczak
ED-ANS Recording Secretary

2019 ANS Convention participants,
Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI
May 18, 2019



PNU District 3 Easter Raffle

Drawing – April 7, 2019 at Holy Cross Parish (Central Falls, RI)



Polish National Union of America

3 Winners

\$50 – Fr. Adam Czarnecki – *Northampton, MA*

\$25 – Bill Zygadlo – *Manchester, NH*

\$25 – Wanda Janusz – *Central Falls, RI*

Parishes who sold tickets

Holy Trinity Cathedral – Manchester, NH - \$140.00

Blessed Trinity – Fall River - \$137.00

Holy Cross – Central Falls - \$ 85.00

Our Saviour – Woonsocket - \$67.00

Holy Trinity – Plantsville - \$35.00

Holy Name – S. Deerfield - \$30.00

St. Valentine's – Northampton - \$10.00

St. Joseph's – Westfield - \$10.00

Thanks to our prize donors for your generosity and support:

Phil Kaczorowski - \$25.00

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Fr. Sr. Joe & Loraine Krusienski - \$25.00

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EASTERN DIOCESE ACKNOWLEDGES CLERGY APPRECIATION

CHALLENGE IS MADE TO PARISHES TO SUPPORT CLERGY PENSION FUND

The Diocesan Council of the Eastern Diocese made a \$10,000 donation from the diocese to the Clergy Pension Fund of the PNCC in honor of Clergy Appreciation Weekend. In addition, the diocese will match any donations made in 2019 to the Clergy Pension Fund by a parish of the Eastern Diocese. Parishes should send their donations to the Clergy Pension Fund to Cindy Hebert, Treasurer of the Eastern Diocese, and she will ensure that the donations, matched by the diocese, are then sent to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund for processing. Parish donations should be mailed to:

Cindy Hebert
Eastern Diocese Treasurer
166 Pearl St.
Manchester, NH 03104

***Please prayerfully consider supporting this diocesan matching program
to benefit the Clergy Pension Fund!***



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Holy Mass with the Corpus Christi Procession

Thursday - June 20, 2019 @ 4 pm

Holy Cross Parish - Central Fall, RI

Dinner will follow - please join us for this sacred celebration!



2019 EASTERN DIOCESE ACOLYTE RETREAT

TUESDAY – JUNE 25, 2019

OUR SAVIOUR'S PARISH – WOONSOCKET, RI

"DISCIPLESHIP: 2019 - FOLLOWING JESUS"

BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M. WITH HOLY MASS AND ENDS AT LINCOLN WOODS PARK

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**OF THE EASTERN DIOCESE
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JULY 12-13-14TH 2019

OUR SAVIOUR PARISH

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COST:

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The program of the Camporee include:

- ◆ *REVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS FOR SCOUTING AWARDS*
- ◆ *DISCIPLESHIP IN THE BIBLE*
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- ◆ *DISCIPLESHIP IN THE COMMUNITY*
- ◆ *SCENARIO OF A BUS ACCIDENT TO TEST FIRST-AID SKILLS*
- ◆ *CAMP FIRE*

DEADLINE:

JULY 7, 2019



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Fr. Adam Czarnecki: (413) 584-0133; fradam1967@yahoo.com

The Camporee is open to all who want participate: current, past and perspective Scouts (Boys and Girls) from our PNC Church and even outside of our Church

The 2019 Eastern Diocese Worship Service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH

The 2019 Eastern Diocese Worship Service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH will take place on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 3:30 PM. A vespers service theming on “Discipleship” will be held with Bishop

Paul Sobiechowski, celebrant. Following the service, a Chicken Delight Barbecue Dinner will be held at the Hidden Hills

Banquet Facility, Route 202 four Star Catering in Rindge.



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Facility is fully air conditioned. The menu consists of barbecued chicken halves, cranberry sauce, corn on the cob, baked potato, tossed garden salad, rolls and butter, watermelon wedges, condiments, coffee and punch.



Cost per person is \$20.25 and is payable that day to Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak. In order for Four Star to serve this dinner, at least 30 participants are needed so please consider attending the Cathedral of the Pines for the annual diocesan service

and BBQ to follow. Please email names of participants by Monday, July 8th to Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak at Soltysiak@comcast.net.

Golf Tournament

Saturday, July 20, 2019

1 pm Shotgun start

New England Country Club
180 Paine Street
Bellingham, MA



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\$125 per golfer

Includes Golf, Cart, Dinner, & MORE

ALSO Raffles and Silent Auction

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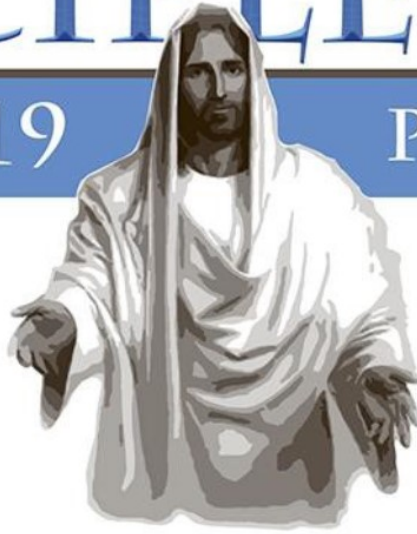
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FROM THE CHANCERY OFFICE

Assignments:

None since the last published newsletter

Bishop's Visits to Parishes:

Visits to all parishes of the diocese will be scheduled, beginning this Fall / Winter

From August 26 through September 8 Bishop Paul and Karen will be on vacation

Diocesan and National Meetings: (all times are Eastern)

- Thursday, June 13 - National Constitution Commission "Go to Meeting" Conference
- Tuesday, June 18 - Wednesday, June 19 - Anglican G-4 / Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue Meeting - Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY
- Monday, July 22 - Eastern Diocese Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Teleconference
- Monday, September 9 - District Three Polish National Union of America Teleconference
- Tuesday, September 24- Eastern Diocese Liturgical Commission Meeting - Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI
- Sunday, September 29 - Sunday October 4- Spojnia 31st Convention at Sea - Leaving from Port Everglades, FL

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

- Saturday June 15 - Conferral of Confirmation - Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI
- Sunday, June 16 - **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity**- Conferral of Confirmation - Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish, Manchester, NH
- Thursday, June 20 - **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** - Corpus Christi liturgical celebration in all seniorates of the Diocese
- Sunday, June 23 - **Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Chisti**
- Monday, June 24 - **Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

- Friday, June 28 - **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- Saturday, June 29 - **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**
- Sunday, June 30 - **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Tuesday, July 2 - **Solemnity of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Sunday, July 7 - **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Sunday, July 14 - **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Eastern Diocese Service of Vespers, Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH (a dinner follows for those attending)
- Sunday, July 21- **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Thursday, July 25 - **Feast of Saint James the Greater, Apostle**
- Sunday, July 28 - **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Saturday, August 3 - **Feast of the Finding of the Body of Saint Stephen, Deacon, Proto-Martyr**
- Sunday, August 4 - **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Tuesday, August 6 - **Solemnity of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**
- Sunday, August 11 - **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Thursday, August 15 - **Solemnity of the Dormition / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Sunday, August 18 - **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Saturday, August 24 - **Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
- Sunday, August 25 - **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Tuesday, August 27 - **Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa**
- Thursday, August 29 - **Solemnity of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist**
- Sunday, September 1 - **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Sunday, September 8 - **Solemnity of Brotherly Love**
- Saturday, September 14 - **Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- Sunday, September 15 - **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Monday, September 16 - **Solemnity of Our Holy Mother of Sorrows** (*translated*)
- Sunday, September 22 - **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Sunday, September 29 - **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Monday, September 30 - **Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel** (*translated*)
- Wednesday, October 2 - **Feast of the Guardian Angels**
- Friday, October 4- **Commemoration of Saint Francis of Assisi** (*blessing of animals*)

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

- Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day - U.S.A..
- Tuesday June 25 - Eastern Diocese Acolyte (Altar Server) Retreat at Our Saviour Parish in Woonsocket, RI
- Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day - U.S.A.
- Thursday July 4 - Saturday, July 13 - KURS Youth Encampment - Bishop Hodur Retreat Center - Waymart, PA - sponsored by the National Young Men's Society of the Resurrection
- Friday, July 12 - Sunday July 14 - Eastern Diocese Scouting Camporee, Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI
- Wednesday, July 31- National United Choir Convention - Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY
- Thursday August 1 - Saturday August 3 - Twenty-Sixth Music Workshop of the National United Choirs, Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY
- Saturday, August 10 - Holy Trinity Cathedral A.N.S. Yard Sale (*August 17 back-up*)
- Saturday, August 17 - Young Men's Society of the Resurrection Golf Tournament
Panorama Golf Course, Forest City, PA
- Sunday, August 18 - Thursday, August 22 - Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat - Camp Howe, Goshen, MA
- Sunday, August 25 - Ninetieth Anniversary of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, South Deerfield, MA
- Monday, September 2 - Labor Day - U.S.A
- Wednesday, September 11 - Eighteenth Anniversary of the Attack on the U.S.A.

Polish Poetry



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



Piotr Sommer

Piotr Sommer, born in Walbrzych in April 13, 1948, is one of the most important Polish lyricists of the younger generation. Poet, essayist, translator from English, and chief editor of the acclaimed literary magazine "Literatura na Świecie" (Literatur in the World). Since 1977, Piotr Sommer has published 12 volumes of poetry and 5 volumes of essays as well as translations into Polish of works by Frank O'Hara, Charles Reznikoff, John Ashbery, Robert Lowell, Allen Ginsberg, Seamus Heaney, D.J. Enright and Michael Longley for example. Since the eighties, Piotr Sommer has taught regularly at American and British universities. He has been awarded several important prizes for literature and translation.

Piotr Sommer urodził się w Walbrzychu 13 kwietnia 1948 r., Jest jednym z najważniejszych polskich liryków młodego pokolenia. Poeta, eseista, tłumacz z języka angielskiego, redaktor naczelny znanego pisma literackiego "Literatura na Świecie". Od 1977 roku Piotr Sommer wydał 12 tomów poezji i 5 tomów esejów oraz tłumaczenia na język polski utworów Franka O'Hary, Charlesa Reznikoffa, Johna Ashbery'ego, Roberta Lowella, Allena Ginsberga, Seamusa Heaney, D.J. Enrighta i Michaela Longley'a dla przykładu. Od lat osiemdziesiątych Piotr Sommer regularnie wyklada na amerykańskich i brytyjskich uniwersytetach. Otrzymał kilka ważnych nagród w dziedzinie literatury i tłumaczenia.

Lekarstwo

1981-1982

Znów zobaczyłem prawdziwą cytrynę.
 Przywiozła mi ją Ania, z Francji.
 Myślała: wracać, czy może zostać?
 Na dobrą sprawę, co ją tutaj trzyma –
 kilka twarzy i słów, i ten niepokój?
 Cytryna była żółta i wyglądała jak prawdziwa.
 Nie trzeba było wystawiać jej w oknie
 żeby do siebie doszła, jak nasze blade pomidory,
 albo jak my dochodzimy do siebie,
 dojrzewając i żółknąc od lat.
 Nie, była już całkiem sobą
 kiedy ją przywiozła, nawet nie żółta
 ale złota, i lekko kostropata,
 toteż przyjąłem ją z wdzięcznością.

Chciałbym się oblec w grubą skórę świata,
 chciałbym być cierpki, ale w sumie
 smaczny –
 połyka mnie z niechęcią jakieś dziecko
 a ja pomagam mu na katar.

Niedyskrecje

Gdzie jesteśmy? W ironiach
 których nikt nie chwyci, krótkotrwałych
 i nieakcentowanych, w trywialnych pointach
 które kwitują metafizykę niedorzecznym
 detalem, w piątku, co wypada
 na piątego listopada, w mnemotechnice dni.
 Można dać przykład i można to przyjąć
 na wiarę, kocią łapę na gardle.

I lubi się jeszcze pewne słowa i te, za przeproszeniem,
 składnie, które udają, że coś je z sobą łączy.
 W tych międzysensach zawiera się cały człowiek,
 włazi tam, gdzie widzi trochę miejsca.



Medicine

1981-1982

I saw a real lemon again.
 Ania brought it back from France.
 She'd been wondering: come home or stay abroad?
 And come to think of it, what keeps her here—
 a few faces, a few words, this anxiety?
 The lemon was yellow, it looked like the real thing.
 You didn't have to put it in the window
 to ripen alongside our pale tomatoes.
 Or as we ourselves ripen
 growing up and growing yellow over years.
 No, it was already entirely itself
 when she brought it, not even yellow,
 but gold, and a little rough,
 so I took it gratefully.

I want to wrap myself in the thick skin of the world,
 I want to be tart, but
 good-tasting—
 some child swallows me reluctantly
 and I help to cure his cold.

Indiscretions

Where are we? In ironies
 so fleeting and unstressed
 that no one gets them, in foolish punch lines
 that buy off metaphysics with ridiculous
 details, in Friday, which falls
 on November fifth, in the mnemonics of days.
 You can give an example, or take it for granted,
 or take it or leave it, or take it and run.

And you still like certain words and those, pardon the expression,
 sorts of syntax that act like something's holding them together.
 Man is wholly held within those intermeanings,
 he creeps in wherever he can see a space.

Transl. by Stanislaw Baranczak and Clare Cavanagh

Kolekcja jesienna

A potem nic nie jest takie samo,
chyba że w chwili nieuwagi albo
zapomnienia, bo pamięć żyje czasem
własnym życiem, a życie własnym.
Ciało jest słabe, atakowane i
ulega w końcu, wbrew wysiłkowi
żeby nie ulec. Ulega i nic potem
nie jest takie samo.

Stary człowiek
się cieszy, że ma niewiele zmarszczek
i proste plecy i gimnastykuje się
codziennie rano i chodzi na spacer.
Ale ciało jest słabe, a kiedy ulegnie,
nic już nie będzie sobą. Teraz chodzi
po pokoju i szura kapciami.

A kiedy indziej
jedzie w odwiedzinę do innego miasta
i nie domywa widelca, upuszcza słoik
z miodem. Wychodzi w deszcz i zaraz
przemoknięte będzie całe palto
w jodelkę, z futrzanym kołnierzem.

A potem
jednak wraca z nocowaniem i rano mówi
delikatnym głosem „Wstań, kazałeś
się obudzić o dziesiątej”.



Autumn Collection

And later nothing is the same
unless it's in a moment of inattention or
forgetfulness, because sometimes memory lives
its own life, and life its own.

The body is weak, under attack and
in the end gives in despite the effort
not to give in. It does, and later
nothing is the same.

The old person
is happy to have so few wrinkles,
to have a straight back and exercise
every morning and go on walks.
But the body is weak, and when it gives in
nothing will be what it was. Now to walk
across the room, slippers shuffling.

And another time
to visit a different city
and not get the fork clean, drop the jar
of honey. To go out in the rain and right away
the overcoat gets soaked through,
the herringbone one, with the fur collar.

And later
to return, to spend the night, and in the morning
say with a delicate voice, “Get up, you asked me
to wake you at ten.”

Transl. by Christian Hawkey and William Martin

By Fr. Adam Czarnecki

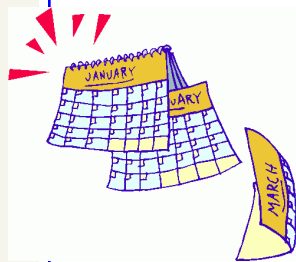
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Calendar of Upcoming Events



If you are in the neighborhood we welcome you to join us for upcoming events:

St. Valentine Parish, Northampton, MA

- Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm - BIBLE STUDY in St. Valentine’s Parish Hall. Discussion Leader: Rev. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor
- Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm (from September 9) - POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES at St. Valentine’s Parish Hall. Instructor: Rev. Adam Czarnecki, Pastor
- Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 12 noon - HARVEST DINNER
- Sunday, October 20, 2019 - PULASKI DAY PARADE - (Holy Mass at 11:00 am in St. Elizabeth Ann Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm — The Day of the Siege: September 11, 1683 movie presentation.

Our Saviour’s Parish, Woonsocket, RI

- June 25– Eastern Diocese Acolyte Retreat
- July 12-14 - Eastern Diocese Annual Scout Camporee
- July 20 - Our Saviour’s Golf Turnament
- July 27– FREE Car wash and Flea Market. Donations for “New Beginnings”.
- September 8 - (Brotherly Love) - FREE Parish Picnic open to the Community. Everybody is invited.
- September 27: at 6:15pm - Meat Raffle at 6:15PM

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