



**HOLY TRINITY  
CATHEDRAL  
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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
(unless otherwise announced)**

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

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

Holy Mass ..... 9:00 AM

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

**Marriage:** 6 months prior arrangement

**Baptisms :** by appointment

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**GŁOS**

November 30, 2025

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

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**Scripture Insights**

Advent means "arrival." It is a season of preparation and movement. Christians awaiting Christ's arrival are alert and in motion. The Gospel summons us to readiness at every moment, in and out of season. Vigilance actively prepares us to receive Christ into our midst, both at the moment of His miraculous birth and on the certain but unpredictable day of His return. The flood story underscores the stakes.

Sacred time has a corollary in sacred space. The first reading and psalm portray pilgrimage to Jerusalem, ancient capital city of Israel

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**WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH**

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

Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Manchester and Southern New Hampshire community for 110 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrant community, and later for all residents of the Granite State. We hope to continue our growth in service to God and community. This commitment manifests itself in a regular devotional and prayer life and a greater participation in both ecumenical and community activities.

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

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

MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

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

**The Cemetery Committee** meets as needed

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

**Moms in Prayer** meets as announced on Mondays at 7:30 AM in the rectory

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

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

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

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

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

## EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

### WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

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



### HTC Membership and Outreach Team Is Inviting YOU Join in an outreach

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

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

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

### SAINT COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

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

[https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163\\_059\\_808319176](https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163_059_808319176)

Sunday, November 23rd -

We thank the following who provided for our Cake & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Bagels & Cream Cheese, Raspberry Oatmeal



Bars); Wendy Thomas (Fruit Bowl, ), Betty Pasieka (Brown Sugar Pound Cake); (Betty & Wendy (Chocolate Chip and Pineapple Carrot Muffins); Kathy Card (Appetizer *Golabki*); Karen Sobiechowski (Baklava); Panettone.

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

Check out our diocesan website:

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

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



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - LIKE US AT:

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

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

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

### SOUP FOR SENIORS

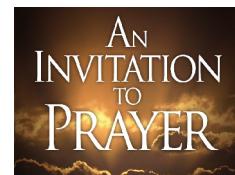
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to 12 pints of *Golabki* Soup prepared by Kathy Card through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious

What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 - Sandra Axt	12 - Morgan Loomis	13 - Kathy Card
22 - Joanne Palys	23 - Catherine Wilmot	28 - Brian Duplessis



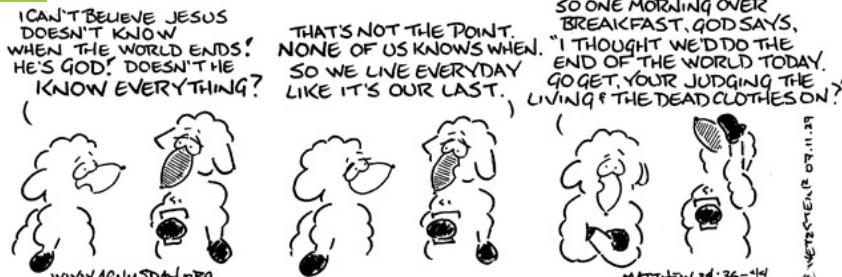
Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM, but can be adjusted if you are interested! Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week. The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required.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

**OUR PARISH ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is a Zoom & face to face study in the Craft Room. The next scheduled study will be **TUESDAY, December 2nd at 7:00 PM.**

Studies generally last one hour to one and one half hours. If you want to join in the study in person, simply show up. If you join in on Zoom you'll need to ask Bishop Paul for the Zoom link. Study sheets are sent to all our participants following each study.



*Agnus Day*



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

**Father Andrew Machowski,**  
his family and the faithful of

**Guardian Angel Parish,  
Los Angeles, California**  
and for

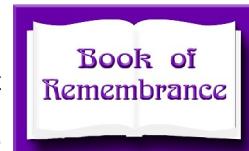
**Father Christopher Rogalski,**  
His family and for the faithful of  
**Divine Providence Parish,  
Norwich, Connecticut.**

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

† † † BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE † † †

A Book of Remembrance has been placed by the St. Mary's Altar in the Cathedral. It will remain throughout November and contains the names of those remembered by intentions received on All Souls Day, along with the deceased clergy of the PNCC and those who are buried in HTC Cemetery.

Please pray for the deceased and respect this area of remembrance.



Lectionary Readings - The First Week of Advent

**Mon.** - Isaiah 4: 2 - 6  
Matthew 8: 5 - 11

**Tue.** - Isaiah 11: 1 - 10  
Luke 10: 21 - 24

**Wed.** - Isaiah 25: 6 - 10  
Matthew 15: 29 - 37

**Thu.** - Isaiah 26: 1 - 6  
Matthew 7: 21, 24 - 27

**Fri.** - Isaiah 29: 17 - 24  
Matthew 9: 27 - 31

**Sat.** - Isaiah 30: 19 - 21, 23 - 26  
Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1, 6 - 8

**Next Sun.** - Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 / Psalm 72: 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 12 - 13, 17  
Romans 15: 4 - 9 / Matthew 3: 1 - 12



The Frederick Chopin Choir would like to thank all the parishioners and friends who supported their **Christmas Card from and to parishioners.** Parishioners should be seeing this annual HTC tradition very soon in their mailboxes .

## MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

\* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

**THIS SUNDAY, November 30th, 2025, (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

**Memorial of Andrew - Apostle**

9:00 AM Holy Mass, Lighting of Advent Wreath and Blessing of Oplaki Prayer Intention  
open intention

10:15 AM Cake & Coffee reception in the auditorium  
10:20 AM School of Christian Living Class

**MONDAY, December 1st, (Poniedzia³ek)**

### FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW - Apostle

**Memorial of Ansanus - Child, Martyr**

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory  
8:45 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Holy Mass  
Prayer Intention  
For God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese

**TUESDAY, December 2nd, (Wtorek)**

### Memorial of Bibiana - Virgin, Martyr

8:45 AM Morning Prayer  
9:00 AM Holy Mass  
Prayer Intention:  
open intention  
7:00 PM Adult face-to-Face Zoom Bible Study in the craft room

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**WEDNESDAY, December 3rd, (Środa)**

**Memorial of Francis Xavier - *Priest***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass - Rorate honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer Intention:

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

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

6:00 PM Rosary Devotion in the Cathedral

6:30 PM Parish Choir Meeting and Rehearsal

7:00 PM Pre-Synodal Committee Zoom Meeting

**THURSDAY, December 4th, (Czwartek)**

**Memorial of Barbara - *Virgin Martyr***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

11:30 AM Parishioners praying for our parish family in the craft room

**FRIDAY, December 5th, (Piątek)**

**Memorial of Sabas - *Abbot***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

**SATURDAY, December 6th, (Sobota)**

**Memorial of Nicholas - *Bishop***

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Polish Frozen Food Pick-up in the Cathedral Auditorium

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*We have Christmas Wafers  
"OPŁATKI".*

*Please see Bishop Paul to share  
this tradition with your family.  
A donation is requested.*



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

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 7th, 2025, (Niedziela Przyszła)**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DRUGA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU**

**Memorial of Ambrose of Milan - *Bishop, Martyr, Doctor***

Prayer Intention

open intention

10:15 AM Cake & Coffee reception in the auditorium

10:20 AM School of Christian Living Class

10:30 AM Polish Frozen Food Pick-up in the Cathedral Auditorium

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and Judah. Atop Zion, Jerusalem's sacred hill, stood "God's house," the temple. For the psalmist, this journey is a joyful one, an occasion for justice and celebration of peace. It is also an opportunity for God's people to strengthen the bonds of community through thanksgiving, camaraderie, and prayer.

Isaiah's vision expands community to include many nations. Jerusalem becomes a beacon of light and teaching, prompting people to leave behind the familiar and easy, make the arduous journey to God's house, and there learn to walk in God's ways. That movement will bring about recognition of God's sovereignty, and with it an end to wars between nations. The psalmist's prayer for peace and prosperity receives more concrete detail in Isaiah's vision: weapons of war will be hammered into tools for working the land. Instruments of death will be transformed to cultivate life.

St. Paul's letter to the Romans asserts that the time to move is now. Yet, waking to our responsibilities is not a one-time action. It is a daily routine. To put on Christ is to remember daily our baptismal calling and imitate Christ in every aspect of our lives.

- Is there a tension between the predictable calendar of our Advent observances and the unpredictable timing of Christ's second coming?
- In Scripture, walking is a metaphor for moral conduct. What is the relationship between communal worship and practices of justice?
- What practices can you incorporate into your daily routine of waking and dressing to remind you to "put on Christ" and "walk in the light"?

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### **Practice of Faith**

Advent is the time to prepare Christ's kingdom for His second coming. How can you prepare?

- The Advent wreath is a perfect symbol of prayer. The candles remind us to walk in the light of the Lord. Set up an Advent wreath in a place of prayer in your home.
- At times we may use words that hurt others. Examine your conscience. Have you hurt others with harsh criticism? Have you been jealous of what others have? You can start to bring peace by praying for their good. Ask their forgiveness and participate in the sacrament of penance.
- In the places where we live, study and work, do we open up the way to peace, forgiving those who have offended us? Do we care for those who are on the margins, do we redress some injustice by helping those who have less? This is called building peace.

### **Questions**

- Isaiah speaks of whole communities streaming in eagerness to the Lord's mountain. They are filled with inspiration, eager to find out about God's ways. What portions of this poetic passage speak to you personally? What portions seem most inspiring for us as a community of faith? Why? What is your reaction to the radical promise of peace of which Isaiah speaks?
- This passage from the Letter to the Romans is one of the most optimistic Paul will write. He is confident that salvation is at hand, and he exhorts the community to stand ready. Think about the contrasting images Paul uses (day and night, lightness and darkness). To what is he calling the community in Rome, and to what does he call you today?
- Jesus uses the story of Noah to affirm to the people that God is still acting, and that the Lord's coming is real. Have you ever procrastinated? What do you tend to put off for another day? What does it mean to you to be ready for the arrival of the Son of Man?

### **Activities**

- Mountain climbers know that traveling a trail can be arduous at times and glorious at others. Think about your spiritual journey.

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At what times in your life did the climb seem particularly steep or long? At what times did it seem filled with breathtaking vistas? Write in your journal about your climb up the "Lord's mountain."

- As Advent commences, we are reminded that God's plan is unfolding in the person of Jesus. God's plan is for a radical experience of peace — one that comes to us through the Prince of Peace. As you read or watch the news, notice places in the world where humankind has not yet beat "swords into plowshares." Spend a few minutes each day praying that God's peace will come to the conflict in that location, whether close or far from your home.
- Jesus teaches the importance of staying awake and attentive. He asks us to be ready for Him. Think about the ways in which you are energized getting ready for a special event or occasion. What is one small thing you could do each day to ready yourself for the Lord? Notice if procrastination is part of your spiritual life. Choose one small practice that supports being attentive, such as spending a few moments at the start of the day in silence, driving without the radio on, or reading a special prayer before sleep.

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### **COMING EVENTS**

**Sun. Dec. 7** - ***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***  
***Holy Mass & Lighting of Advent Wreath*** - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
School of Christian Living - 10:15 AM

**Mon. Dec. 8** - ***SOLEMNITY - CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY***  
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

**Tue. Dec. 9** - PNCC Bishops' Zoom meeting - 1:00 PM

**Wed. Dec. 10** - ***Advent Rorate Mass Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary***  
- 9:00 AM  
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and church - 12:00 PM  
***Rosary Devotion in the cathedral*** - 6:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

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## COMING EVENTS (continued)

**Thu. Dec. 11** - Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family - 11:30 AM  
Eastern Diocese Zoom Study - "The Person of Jesus Christ" This month - "Jesus for us Today" led by Father Christopher Rogalski - 7:00 PM

**Fri. Dec. 12** - **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**Sun. Dec. 14** - **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Holy Mass & Lighting of Advent Wreath* - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
School of Christian Living - 10:15 AM

**Mon. Dec. 15** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM  
Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room - 7:00 PM

**Tue. Dec. 16** - **PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - 7:00 PM  
National School of Christian Living Commission Zoom Meeting - 7:00 PM

**Wed. Dec. 17** - **Advent Rorate Mass Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 9:00 AM  
**Rosary Devotion in the cathedral** - 6:00 PM  
Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

**Thu. Dec. 18** - Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family - 6:30 PM  
Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

**Sun. Dec. 21** - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Holy Mass & Lighting of Advent Wreath* - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
School of Christian Living - 10:15 AM  
Parishioners decorate the cathedral for Christmas - 10:45AM

**Mon. Dec. 22** - **FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE**

**Tue. Dec. 23** - PNCC Bishops' Zoom meeting - 1:00 PM

**Wed. Dec. 24** - **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
Choral Preludes - 9:30 PM  
**Shepherds Mass & Lighting of Advent Wreath** - 10:00 PM

**Thu. Dec. 25** - **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM  
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and church - 12:00 PM

**Fri. Dec. 26** - **FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN - DEACON, PROTO-MARTYR**

**Sat. Dec. 27** - **FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, EVANGELIST - Wine will be blessed and shared with all in Church - Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM

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## COMING EVENTS (continued)

**Sun. Dec. 28** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**  
*Holy Innocents commemmorated*  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM  
Annual Pastor's Open House - Bishop Paul and Karen invite everyone in Church to a holiday brunch prepared in the auditorium - 10:15 AM  
School of Christian Living - 10:15 AM

**Mon. Dec. 29** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

**Tue. Dec. 30** - Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room - 7:00 PM

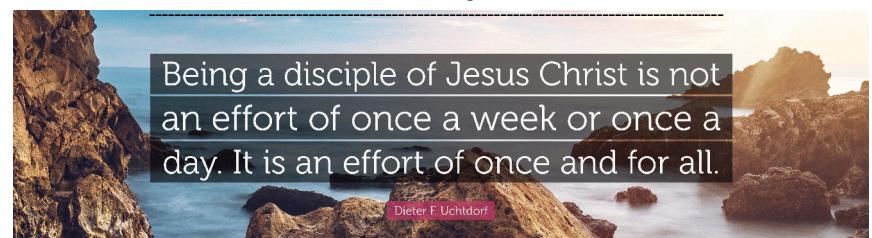
**Wed. Dec. 31** - **NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and church - 12:00 PM  
**Traditional Vespers closing the old year** - 6:00 PM

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**Thu. Jan. 1** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**  
**Holy Mass** - 10:00 AM

**Fri. Jan. 2** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM

**Sun. Jan. 3** - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
School of Christian Living - 10:15 AM



Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not an effort of once a week or once a day. It is an effort of once and for all.

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

### **A Fresh Start**

Advent begins quietly, with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath. As the days grow shorter in the northern hemisphere, we move to a place of increasing light both indoors and in our hearts. Instead of adding more things to do and more challenges to meet in an already busy time, Advent calls us to rest, to step back, to learn to appreciate the small events and simple gifts that flow through our days.

— from the book *Simple Gifts: Daily Reflections for Advent*  
by Diane M. Houdek

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
—Psalm 103:8, 10



## HTC Polish Frozen Food Sale

Order forms available on the  
HTC website and Facebook page.

Orders can also be made by phone  
at:

**603-622-4524**

**Pick-Up and payment due:**

**Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025  
(10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon)**

**Pierogi, Gołąbki, Kapusta, Kielbasa. Four days left to order.**

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### WE ARE COLLECTING FOR WEBSTER HOUSE THIS DECEMBER:

As you can see from the list of needs, a general cash donation would best help. We will be accepting your donations to our "Good Samaritan Fund" all month.

#### General House needs and Wish List:

**Local Fast Food Gift Cards in \$5-10 increments for activities (Dairy Queen, Panera, Chick-fil-A, Puritan**

**Ice cream, Five Guys, Subway, Nadeau's Subs)**

Portable DVD players for our new incentive program

Kid friendly DVDs (PG, PG-13)

Market Basket & Hannaford gift cards for cooking class nights with the kids

Shoe Store **Gift Cards** (Walmart, Off Broadway, DSW)

Clothing Store **Gift Cards** (Burlington Coat Factory/Walmart/ TJ Maxx have the best deals for our kids)

Activity passes (Fun Spot, Alpine Adventures Ziplines, FunCity, Block Party Social, Escape Room, Bowlero and Yankee Lanes Bowling passes, Charming fare farm, Canobie Lake Park, Six Flags, Water Country, You're Fired)

Movie Passes (Chunky's, Regal Hooksett)

Boston Museum Passes

Zoo/Aquarium Passes (MA, NH, CT, ME)

Local Hair Salon gift certificates

Shoelaces (assorted colors)

Case of Water, Gatorade, Assorted individual serving chips.

Assorted individual serving cereals and oatmeal. Cases of Kraft mac n cheese.

Snack boxes or assorted snacks. Granola bars. Assorted fruit snacks fruit cups.

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## Bible Word Search:

## REVELATION 4

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

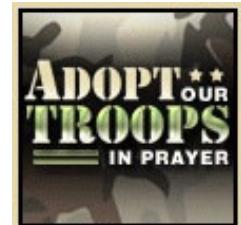
Almighty	Appearance
Clothed	Come up here
Creature	Crystal
Door	Emerald
Exist	Face
Fire burning	Full of eyes
God	Heads
Heaven	Immediately
Jasper	Lightning
Lion	Power
Proceeded	Rainbow
Sea of glass	Seven lamps
Show you	Sitting
Speaking	Stone
White robes	Thunderings
	Trumpet
	Twenty-four
	Your will

## Clergy serving in the United States Army

COL. Father Andrew Bilinski  
LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasurkowski  
CPT. Father Joseph Kolek  
CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus  
CPT. Father Nadeem Yaqoob  
Cpt. Father Mariusz Mularczyk

## Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving

Lt.Col. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE
Alyssa Oxley	AIR FORCE
Vincent Manzella	AIR FORCE
Gregory Walsh	MARINE CORPS
James Pidgeon	MARINE CORPS
Andrew Drada	MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
Tyler Gardner	NAVY
Ian and Cody Gonyea	NAVY
Matthew Paluszek	COAST GUARD
Zack Richard	ARMY
Specialist David I. Testerman	NH NATIONAL GUARD
Lt. JG Dean Testerman	NAVY
Anthony Bencosme	AIR FORCE



**REMEMBER  
THOSE  
WHO SERVE**

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

### In the Hospital:

**Donna Wyskiel** in C.M.C. Hospital, Manchester, NH

### Clergy Who Are ill:

**Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak** serving in Westfield, MA

**Father Paul Zomerfeld** serving in Johnstown, PA

**Father Senior Augustin Sicard** in San Antonio, TX



### In nursing homes & rehab centers:

**Daniela Sienko** at Maple Leaf Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH

**Charlotte Raczka** at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH

**Frances Dobosz** at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH

**Vudge Ambrose** at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH

**Fran Gorcyca** at St. Teresa's Rehabilitation Center, Manchester, NH

**Stanley Pasieka** at American House in Bonita Springs, FL

### at home:

**Carolyn Dickson** at home in Manchester, NH

**Emilia DeVore** at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH

**Nancy Montplaisir** at home in Manchester, NH

**Joseph Komisarek** at home in Bedford, NH

**David Testerman** at home in Franklin, NH

**Meg Sheha** in Hollywood, FL

Here are the items we collected at Holy Trinity Cathedral during the fall warm clothing drive. Most were donated to Liberty House, unless otherwise noted. We thank all of our parishioners and friends for their generosity.

5 winter parkas

23 lightweight hoodies

10 men's sweaters

15 handmade caps and one handmade scarf (donated to Our Place, which serves mothers and young children)

1 girl's jacket (donated to a local school clothing drive)

4 men's shirts

3 women's sweatshirts

1 pair fleece pants

2 pairs women's thermal socks

2 pairs men's shoes

2 handmade afghans

3 women's winter coats

**72 items in all. We thank all of our parishioners and friends for their generosity.**



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*in loving memory of Tillie and Chester Kaminski*

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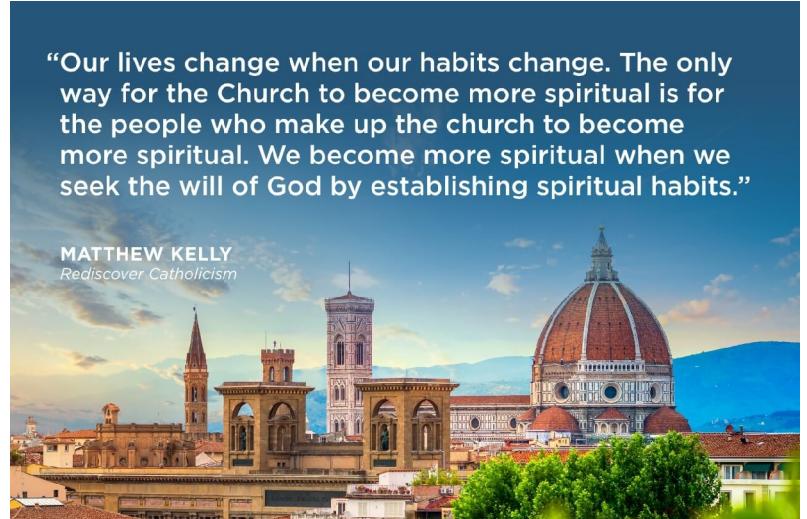
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**"Our lives change when our habits change. The only way for the Church to become more spiritual is for the people who make up the church to become more spiritual. We become more spiritual when we seek the will of God by establishing spiritual habits."**

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## POLISH ADVENT TRADITIONS



People prepare for this big holiday during the four weeks of Advent.

In Poland this is a time of fasting and prayer, of spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The name, from the Latin word *adventus*, means “coming”. In the church it is a four week time of awaiting and preparation for the Nativity of Jesus. Advent closes the liturgical year in the Church and opens a new one.

These days Advent starts after November 30th, around St. Andrew's Eve, on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. It lasts till December 24th. This is a crucial period in Polish annual tradition of Church and folk rituals.

In Podlasie region the beginning of Advent was once announced by the loud sound of long wooden trumpets called *ligawy*. Ceremony was called trumpeting for Advent or announcing Advent. To intensify the effect a trumpeter stood over a well, so that the echo amplified the played tune which signaled that from now on all music instruments should disappear along with any kind of parties. Weddings or other ceremonies connected with banqueting, singing and dancing were not allowed. The time of reflection, solemnity, and religious practice started.

The common Advent custom in Poland, still practiced today, is every day participation in the early morning mass for the Holy Virgin Mary, known as *roraty* (from the first word of a song imploring for the coming of the Savior of the world: *rorate coeli desuper* – let the heaven send down dew to us). During the mass a huge *roratnica* candle is burning, as a symbol of Our Lady, while the faithful come to the service with their own burning candles or lanterns.

In villages of the past, long autumn evenings of Advent were the time of female neighbors' meetings doing some work together. They were spinning linen and wool with spindles or spinning wheels, sorting beans and peas and other similar work. At the same time they were chatting about current news and telling stories.

St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6th – *Dzień Świętego Mikołaja* – starts off the Christmas holidays in Poland. St. Nicholas was the 4th-century Bishop of Myra in Lycia, what is now a province of Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, and is associated by some countries with Santa Claus.

Traditionally on December 6th, St. Nicholas day, St. Nicholas usually dressed as a bishop, comes in his sleigh with gifts for the children. Good children would get gifts. As for the bad children, they would get coal. Today St. Nicholas comes dressed more like the American Santa Claus, and not always in a sleigh. Polish children will also get Advent calendars. Each day the boys and girls would open a door of the calendar. Behind the doors are pieces of chocolate. My candy calendar never lasted to the end of December.



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