



**HOLY TRINITY
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise announced)

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

Daily : Morning Prayer ... 8:45 AM

Holy Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions: Second Sunday of the Month 8:15 AM

Marriage: 6 months prior arrangement

Baptisms : by appointment

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**QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
NIEDZIELA PIĘCDZIESIĄTNICA**

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Almost certainly, Jesus varied the nuances of His message to fit the needs of His listeners in the many places He preached the Gospel. Luke and Matthew agree on the main ideas of the Gospel message, but in their summaries of Jesus' preaching, they depict Him in very different ways. Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew —7:29) portrays Jesus as a new Moses, delivering the words of the new covenant from a mountaintop pulpit. Luke, by contrast, portrays Jesus as a philosopher. In Luke's Sermon on the Plain (6:20—49), Jesus gathers His disciples around Him in an out-of-the-way place and

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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 weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the rectory

Membership and Outreach Team meets as announced in the bulletin

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

The Frederick Chopin Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and holds meetings as announced

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

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

EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

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



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

Our Parish Evangelism Team 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.

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Sunday, February 23rd -

We thank the following who provided for our Cae & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Bagels & Cream Cheese, Apricot Squares); Cindy Hebert (Poppy Seed Roll); Betty Pasioka (Pineapple Cake); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Karen Sobiechowski (Banana Sour Cream Coffee Cake, Cuties); Joanne Palys (Eclairs).

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



Check out our diocesan website:

www.easterndiocesepnc.com

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



**Polish National
Catholic Church**
"through the years..."

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - LIKE US AT:

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

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

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

SOUP FOR SENIORS

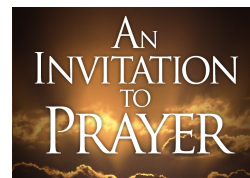
Sunday, February 23rd - Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pint containers of **Hearty Cabbage Soup** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. **Cindy Hebert** prepared the delightful meal for our seniors to take home.



What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

11 - Erin Reilly 12 - Wanda Piotrowski 12 - Wendy Thomas
14 - Joan Blajda 18 - Laurie Greene 26 - Valerie Loomis

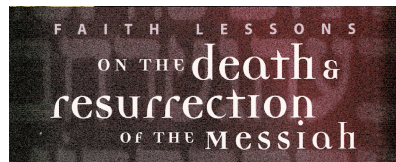


Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM, but can be adjusted if you are interested! Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week. The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required. 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 this **TUESDAY, March 4th at 7:00 PM.**

Studies generally last one hour to one and one half hours. If you want to join in the study in person, simply show up. If you join in on Zoom you'll need to ask Bishop Paul for the Zoom link. Study sheets will be sent to all our HTC internet family prior to the study.



TODAY we ask our parish family to pray for:

Father Senior Jaroslaw Nowak,
his family and the faithful of
Holy Cross Parish,
Hamtramck, Michigan,
and for
Father Dr. Henryk Woś,
his family and the faithful of
Our Saviour Parish,
Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



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

LECTIONARY READINGS - QUINQUAGESIMA WEEK

Mon. - Sirach 17: 19 - 27
Mark 10: 17 - 27

Thu. - Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
Luke 9: 22 - 25

Tue. - Sirach 35: 1 - 12
Mark 10: 28 - 31

Fri. - Isaiah 58: 1 - 9
Matthew 9: 14 - 15

Wed. - Joel 2:12-18/2 Cor. 5:20 - 6:2
Matthew 6: 1 - 6, 16 - 18

Sat. - Isaiah 58: 9 - 14
Luke 5: 27 - 32

Next Sun. - Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10 / Psalm 91: 1 - 2, 11 - 11, 12 - 13, 14 - 15
Romans 10: 8 - 13 / Luke 4 1 - 13

Agnes Day



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Bible Word Search:

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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.

Account	Adversity
Applied	Authority
Beginning	Concerning
Consider	Countenance
Counting	Crackling
Crooked	Curse
Death	Defense
Destroy	Feasting
Foolishness	Found
God	House
Inventions	Mighty men
Oftentimes	Oppression
Precious	Prosperity
Seek	Servants
Strengtheneth	Thorns
Thousand	Wickedness
Woman	



PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

In the Hospital:

Clergy Who Are ill:

Father Paul Zomerfeld serving in Johnstown, PA
Father Senior Augustin Sicard in San Antonio, TX



In nursing homes & rehab centers:

Stanley Pasieka at Solaris Imperial Health Care, Naples, Florida
Daniela Sienko at Maple Leaf Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH
David Testerman at Golden View Health Care Center, Meredith, 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
at home:

Wendy Thomas at home in Manchester, NH
Joseph Komisarek at home in Bedford, NH
Emilia DeVore at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH
Nancy Montplaisir at home in Manchester, NH
Meg Sheha in Hollywood, FL

Clergy serving in the United States Army

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



Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving

Lt.Col. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY	REMEMBER
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE	THOSE
Alyssa Oxley	AIR FORCE	WHO SERVE
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	

LENT IS THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Today ALMS BOXES are once again in the back of the Cathedral for you to take home. The alms box is to remind us to set aside a portion of our money to help the needy and less fortunate. We are asking all of our parishioners to set these special offerings during the seasons of Septuagesima and Lent. The offerings will accumulate until Good Friday. Then the boxes can be returned to the cathedral, or a generous check made out to "HTC Good Samaritan Fund." These funds will be given to the International Institute of New England, a local organization that oversees and provides for the resettlement of refugees into our local community. We have assisted IINE in the past and know they care for these refugees in need. Please give generously!



In additions to giving alms, IINE has a "wish list" of items, they could use. If you would like to help in this manner as well...the items needed are: backpacks for elementary school students ages 5 - 8 filled with pencils, crayons, paper, coloring books, etc.; Backpacks for middle school students aged 10-13, filled with notebooks, binders, folders, loose leaf paper, pencils, pens, simple calculators, rulers, scissors, etc.;

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Backpacks/messenger bags for high school students aged 14-18, filled with binders, folders, loose leaf paper, multiple-subject notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, scissors, etc.; Gift cards (Amazon, Walmart, Market Basket, and Target are all excellent choices); Kitchen supplies (microwaves, pots/pans sets, tea kettles, silverware sets, knife sets); Towels/hand towel/wash cloth sets; Pillows; Cleaning supplies; Laundry detergent; Twin XL sheets; Tool kits; First aid kits; Hygiene supplies (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, deodorant); Umbrellas; Diapers sizes 2,3, & 4.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

LAURIE GREENE

in loving memory of my husband David and our Parents and Siblings.

If you would like to help your parish and be acknowledged for your gift consider sponsoring the weekly bulletin. For a one hundred (\$ 100.00) dollar donation we will acknowledge your sponsorship and the \$1,200 we can raise annually we hope to generate will just about cover the cost of our bulletin. Please consider sponsoring one month today.

APRIL 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by DIANE BIELIZNA

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

MAY 2025 & 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROL JUTRAS & FAMILY

in loving memory of my husband Raymond and mother Mary Zukosky

JUNE 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by LISA FARMER

in loving memory of my great grandparents: Anna & Jozef Pierog, Krystyna & Pawel Borowski, Anna & Michal Hunko. Pelagia & Wincenty Legenc

JULY 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by BRIAN DUPLESSIS AND SONS

in loving memory of wife and mother Leslie

SEPTEMBER 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by JOSEPH KOMISAREK

in loving memory of wife Louise and son Daniel Komisarek

and parents Jennie & Frank Komisarek

OCTOBER 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by Jacqueline B. Szopa

in loving memory of my grandparents Anna and Albin Grzybowski

and uncle Stanley Grzybowski

NOVEMBER 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by Jacqueline B. Szopa

in loving memory of my husband Dr. Ronald F. Szopa

DECEMBER 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT

in loving memory of Tillie and Chester Kaminski

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM?

"Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust."

— Thomas Merton

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, March 2nd, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY NIEDZIELA PIĘDZIESIĄTNICA

Memorial of The Martyrs of the Lombards - Martyrs

Parish Alms Collection for local community organization continues

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Burning of Palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

MONDAY, March 3rd, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Marinus and Astyrius - Martyrs

Bishop Daniel Cyganowski (sp. 1983)

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, March 4th, (Wtorek)

SHROVE TUESDAY

Memorial of Casimir of Poland and Lithuania - King, Confessor

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

sp. Lorraine Hendricks (35 anniv.) requested by Bishop Paul & Karen

WEDNESDAY, March 5th, (Środa)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Memorial of Eusebius of Cremora - Abbot, Confessor

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass with blessing and imposition of ashes

Prayer Intention:

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

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

6:00 PM Bitter Lamentations - Part I - imposition of ashes

6:30 PM Parish Choir Meeting & Rehearsal



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THURSDAY, March 6th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Evagrius of Constantinople - Bishop

Bishop Jan Dawidziuk (sp. 2012)

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer intention: for God's blessing upon the Cathedral Parish of the Eastern Diocese

11:30 AM Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family

11:30 AM Greater Manchester Clergy Association Meeting - First Church of Christ (*Bishop Paul attends*)

1:30 PM Eastern Diocese Administrative Seniors' Zoom meeting

FRIDAY, March 7th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Thomas Aquinas - Doctor, Confessor



8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

sp. Bruno Żygadło (37 anniversary) requested by son Bill and Stasia & the Żygadło family

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

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 8th, (Sobota)

Memorial of Pontius - Deacon, Confessor

9:00 AM Northeast Seniorate (South) Lenten Retreat - Our Saviour Parish - Woonsocket, RI

NEXT SUNDAY, March 9th, (Niedziela Przyszła)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

Commemoration of the Institution of the PNCC

Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM

Memorial of Gregory of Nyssa - Bishop

Parish Alms Collection for local community organization continues

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

“**Wear your ashes as a proud witness to your belief in Christ, answer any questions that come, and you just might inspire someone else to start his or her own faith journey.**” – J. Beckmann

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shares the moral teaching on which He has built His ministry.

Integrity is essential and hypocrisy the ultimate sin. In this, Jesus is in line with His Jewish faith, which insists that one love God with all one's heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5). Hands and voice must follow the heart; anything else is fraud. Jesus is very concerned that His disciples live with integrity. He knows how easy it is to fall into hypocrisy and how easy it is to be fooled by the hypocrisies of others. He also knows how destructive hypocrisy can be. Hypocrites inevitably reveal their empty faith, and this can inspire cynicism or confusion in others.

By contrast, integrity has a multiplier effect. When disciples express their faith in God through kindness, generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, they inspire similar efforts and faith in the people they encounter. The fruits of goodness sustain the lives of others and can inspire weary hearts to place their faith in God.

Lent begins in a few days. Perhaps this Sunday's readings offer a challenge to look carefully for the wooden beams in our eyes and to use the austerities of Lent to restore the clear sight needed to establish God's kingdom of justice.

- How can you live with greater integrity?
- What wooden beam can you remove from your eye?
- When the voice of your heart speaks, are the words full of hate or love?

Practice of Faith

At the heart of today's Gospel is a call to live with integrity. To be a person of integrity means there is congruence with who we say we are and what we say and do. Integrity is the antidote to hypocrisy. Lent begins this week. The season of repentance offers an opportunity to look at our lives with honesty and to seek to prune away anything that impairs our ability to live with integrity.

- Take today's instructive Gospel to heart. What is within you that produces goodness and kindness and what tears it down?
- Ash Wednesday serves as the doorway to a time of intense spiritual preparation leading to Easter and continuing through Pentecost. Make a deliberate plan to cross the threshold into Lent by arranging your calendar to attend Ash Wednesday services.
- How is God calling you to journey through Lent? Begin to formulate ideas about how you will incorporate the spiritual

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practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (acts of charity)—into your life throughout the weeks ahead.

Questions

- Who do you know whose speech displays their goodness and love for others?
- How have you made gratitude to God a part of your life?
- How would you describe the fruit by which you are known?

Family Activities

- At the end of the day, examine your speech. What have your words revealed about you?
- What gift from God do you take for granted? Thank God for its presence in your life.
- Lent begins on Wednesday. Spend some time alone thinking about what practice you can take up that will help you grow spiritually.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 2025

Mon. Mar. 10 - Tue, Mar. 11 - Doctrine Commission Meeting - National Church Center - Scranton, PA - *(Bishop Paul attends)*

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

Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 2 - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

Thu. Mar. 13 - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 11:30 AM

Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Adult Zoom Study - "The Portrait

of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission" This month "Jesus

Christ in the Old Testament" - led by Deacon Justin Daviault

- 7:00 PM

Fri. Mar. 14 - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM

Sat. Mar 15 - Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat (north) Saint Casimir Parish - Lowell, MA - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Sun. Mar. 16 - **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Holy Mass - 9:00 AM

Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM

HTC A.N.S. monthly meeting - craft room - 10:45 AM

Mon. Mar 17 - National Mission & Evangelism Commission Zoom meeting - 7:00 PM

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COMING EVENTS (continued)

- Tue. Mar 18** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
HTC Bible Study "in person" & Zoom - craft room 7:00 PM
- Wed. Mar. 19** - *Holy Mass & Liturgy of Ordination of Deacon Justin Daviault to the Holy Order of Priesthood - Holy Trinity Parish - Plantsville, CT* - 10:00 AM
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM
- Thu. Mar. 20** - **Bishop Anthony Rysz (d. 2015)**
Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 6:30PM
Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
- Fri. Mar 21** - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM
- Sun. Mar. 23** - **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
- Mon. Mar. 24** - *HTC Lenten Penitential Liturgy & Absolution* - 6:00 PM
2026 PNCC General Synod preparation committee Zoom meeting -7:00 PM
- Tue. Mar. 25** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
PNCC Bishops' Bi-weekly Zoom meeting - 1:00 PM
Eastern Diocese Mission & Evangelism Commission Zoom meeting - 7:00 PM
- Wed. Mar. 26** - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM
Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 1 - 6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

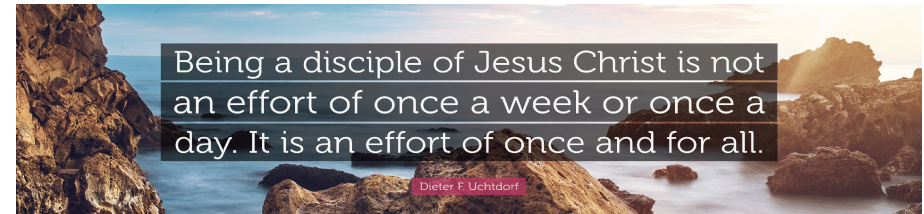
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COMING EVENTS (continued)

- Thu. Mar. 27** - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 11:30 AM
- Fri. Mar. 28** - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM
- Sat. Mar. 29** - Southwest Seniorate Lenten Retreat - Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT - 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM - (Bishop Paul attends)
- Sun. Mar. 30** - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Holy Mass with the Anointing of the Sick - 9:00 AM
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
- Mon. Mar. 31 - Wed. April 2** - National Mission & Evangelism Commission Meeting - National Church Center - Scranton, PA - (Bishop Paul and Karen attend)

"We can feel a little funny with ashes on our foreheads, but that's how we mark the start of Lent. Ashes don't say we're holy. They say we're sinners. They don't say we're perfect, only that we're willing to try. They don't say we're models of religiosity, but they do say we belong. In today's world, that says a lot."

— Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, RSM



Jesus, Our Friend

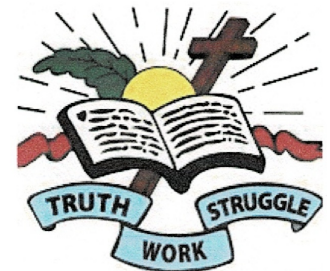
This is what I think of God's justice; my way is all confidence and love. I do not understand souls who fear a Friend so tender. At times, when I am reading certain spiritual treatises in which perfection is shown through a thousand obstacles, surrounded by a crowd of illusions, my poor little mind quickly tires; I close the learned book that is breaking my head and drying up my heart, and I take up Holy Scripture. Then all seems luminous to me; a single word uncovers for my soul infinite horizons, perfection seems simple to me, I see it is sufficient to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself as a child into God's arms. Leaving to great souls, to great minds the beautiful books I cannot understand, much less put into practice, I rejoice at being little since children alone and those who resemble them will be admitted to the heavenly banquet.

— from book *The Way of Simple Love: Inspiring Words from Therese of Lisieux*
by Father Gary Caster

DISCIPLESHIP 2025: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

The Eastern Diocese will focus on
**The Person of Jesus Christ,
His Identity and Mission.**

Please join us for the **third** in a series of virtual
"Know and Grow" presentations on
Thursday March 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).



Deacon Justin Daviault will help us to explore the topic,
Jesus in the Old Testament.

Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point,
with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact revpauls@yahoo.com or
ksobiechowski@yahoo.com

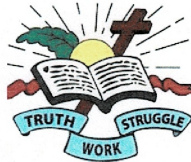
~ Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission

February 2025 - Join us in prayer every Wednesday at noon:



Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation. Almighty and Eternal God, You desire that all should be saved. Enable those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Help them grasp the mystery of the Incarnation, so that they may come to know, love and serve Him and thus become faithful witnesses of His Gospel. We ask this in His Holy Name. Amen. †

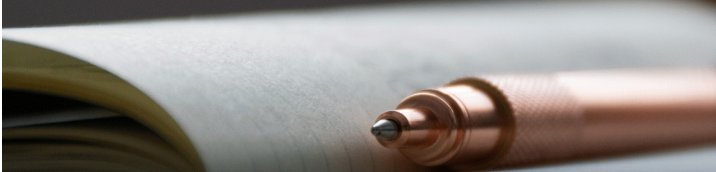
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Eastern Diocese PNCC Mission and Evangelism Commission

“Engaging in prayer, therefore, in a nutshell, means getting in touch with our deepest, most real, most honest desires for love and union and opening them up to the one who alone can satisfy them.”

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