



**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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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY - Pre-Lent 3

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Scripture Insights

Today's readings focus on trust and trustworthiness, and challenge or ability to let go of earthly worries and trust in God's care.

Today's short passage from Isaiah is a conversation between Zion, who represents the whole people, and God. The people cry out, believing that God has forsaken them, and God's response is immediate and reassuring. To describe the intimate and tender love of God for the people, the author uses the image of a mother nursing her child—quite a change from the more usual male images of God we see in Scripture.

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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 111 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 about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

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Sunday, February 8th -

We thank the following who provided for our Cake & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Mini Bagels and Cream Cheese); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chocolate Crinkle Cookies); Karen Testerman (Mochi); Betty Pasieka (Cranberry Orange Tea Bread); Karen Sobiechowski (Cheese and Crackers); HTC Bakers (Assorted Pastries).



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

Check out our diocesan website:

www.easterndiocesepncc.org

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/holytrinitycathedralpncc>

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

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

SOUP FOR SENIORS

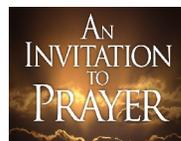
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pint containers of *Tortellini Soup* through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. *Wendy Thomas* prepared the delightful meal for our seniors to take home.



What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

08 - Mary O'Neil 14 - Nancy Montplaisir 17 - Scarlet Swiadas



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 3rd 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
 For the work of
Father Senior Donald Wunderlich,
 his family and the faithful of
Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish,
Reading, Pennsylvania
 and
Father Adam Czarnecki,
 his family and the faithful of
Saint Valentine's Parish,
Northampton, Massachusetts



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



A friend of the parish has made an offering to the church asking that a votive candle be lit every day for a year, in memory of all the beloved rescued and abused dogs that have "Crossed over the Bridge" and for those very abused dogs that have been saved and the bring us much joy today.

Our friend also took three month's of bulletin sponsorships, for which we are grateful.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Our *Souper Bowl Food collection*, of 388 items was delivered to the Families in Transition food warehouse last Wednesday by Lynn Hebert and Karen Sobiechowski. Thanks to all who donated.



Lectionary Readings - The Week of Quinquagesima

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| Mon. - 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9
Mark 10: 17-27 | Thu. - Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
Luke 9: 22 - 25 |
| Tue. - 1 Peter 1: 10 - 16
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. - Genesis 2: 7 - 9; 3:1 - 7 / Psalm 51: 3 - 4, 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 14, 17
 Romans 5: 12 - 19 / Matthew 4: 1 - 11

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, February 15th, 2025, (Niedziela Przyszła)

**QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
 NIEDZIELA PIĘDZIESIĄTNICA**

Memorial of Agape - Virgin, Martyr

First Aid Resources Collection ends

Lenten Alm Boxes Distributed to the Faithful at Holy Mass

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention
 open intention

10:05 AM Burning of Palms in the circular drive

10:15 AM Cake & Coffee Reception in the auditorium

10:20 AM School of Christian Living Class

10:45 AM Ladies A.N.S. meeting in the craft room

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

MONDAY, February 16th, (Poniedziałek)

Juliana of Cumae - Virgin, Martyr
sp. First Prime Bishop Francis Hodur d.-1953
Presidents Day Federal Holiday

8:45 AM Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Holy Mass
Prayer Intention:
for God's blessings upon all Eastern Diocese parishes

TUESDAY, February 17th, (Wtorek)

SHROVE TUESDAY

Memorial of Loman - Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY, February 18th, (Środa)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Memorial of Flavian - Bishop, Martyr
Full Fast (1 small meatless meal today)



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

THURSDAY, February 19th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Barbatus of Benevento - Bishop

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
10:00 AM Union of Scranton Theological Comm. Zoom meeting
6:30 PM Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish family in the craft room
7:00 PM HTC Parish Committee Meeting

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“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 *(continued)*

FRIDAY, February 20th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Sadotth - Bishop, Martyr

8:45 AM Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Holy Mass
Prayer Intention:
for God's blessings upon all the sub-central organizations and societies of the Eastern Diocese
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Devotion



SATURDAY, February 21st, (Sobota)

Memorial of Germanus of Granfel - Martyr

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat (South) Blessed Trinity Parish - Fall River, MA

NEXT SUNDAY, February 22nd, (Niedziela Przyszła)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA WIELKANOCNA

Memorial of Baradates the Anchorite - Hermit

Remember Lenten Alm Boxes Collection to Benefit a Local Charity

President George Washington Birthday

9:00 AM Holy Mass
Prayer Intention
open intention
10:15 AM Cake & Coffee Reception in the auditorium
10:20 AM School of Christian Living Class

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If we often cry out as Zion did, wondering if God has forsaken us, then the conviction of today's psalmist is our spiritual refuge. We see his (or her) confidence repeated in each verse: the only place to find strength is in the Lord. Summing up all of these repeated assurances, the psalmist concludes by entreating all people to trust in the Lord.

To help them understand their ministry, Paul presents the Corinthians with the image of a steward. They, like stewards, have been entrusted with the "mysteries of God," and so they must "be found trustworthy." It is a heavy but exalted responsibility. But the judgment of that trustworthiness must come from God, not from humans. Paul advises that human judgment be deferred, for God will illuminate the true motives of all his stewards when he comes.

Jesus uses a delightful comparison between nature (the birds, the wild flowers, and the grasses) and humans to teach the

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importance of trust in the providence of God. His instruction to the disciples has two layers. First, the disciple cannot serve the things of God and the things of the world. Focusing anxiously on physical desires excludes God. Second, there is no need to do this anyway. God knows what is needed and provides for those who trust.

- Which image of the tenderness of the Lord inspires you most?
- Do you think you worry about earthly things more than you should?
- Jesus says that we should trust God to care for us. How convinced are you?

Practice of Charity

In cultures characterized by the "feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures," there is no room in our lives for others, especially the poor. We worry about belongings, entertainment, and status. One antidote is to accept that God cares deeply for us, like a mother for her child.

- St. Augustine took the phrase from today's psalm —"only in God is my soul at rest"—and applied it to his own grasping, carnal early life, which made him miserable, but which he only begrudgingly gave up. Read his *Confessions*, book 1, chapters 1 and 2. They are brief, but full of insight that applies even 1,500 years later.
- Consider taking a portion of your clothing and food budget for this week and donating it to Birthright, a ministry that helps mothers and their children (<http://birthright.org/en/>).
- Pray the Our Father, focusing on "give us this day our daily bread."

Questions

- God the Father is a powerful image of the Trinity. Here, Isaiah offers us a picture of God as a mother. Jesus will also use feminine images to describe our relationship with God. What is evoked in you as you imagine God as a mother?
- What does Jesus mean when he speaks of the two masters, "God" and "mammon"? Do you ever feel torn between two masters? What are they? How do you respond?

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- Jesus uses splendid images of nature to evoke the care of God for creation and for each of us. In this age, as in all ages, adults worry. About what do you worry? Why? What is Jesus' antidote for worry?

Family Activities

- Spend time with an infant or young child this week, and nourish the mother within you. What does this part of you reveal about God?
- In the Holy Mass, a short prayer known as an embolism, is inserted after the end of the Lord's Prayer. In it the priest prays that we be kept "safe from all distress." Listen carefully to this prayer at Mass. How does it deepen or complement your understanding of the Lord's Prayer?
- Actively release a worry this week. Do so by creating a "God box." This can be a container of your choice that you are designating as the place where you are going to place any worry as a symbol of giving it to God. When you are anxious about something, write it down, ask God to relieve you of this worry, and place it in the God box.

COMING EVENTS

2026

- Mon. Feb 23 - Wed. Feb 25** - Anglican G-2 / PNCC dialogue meeting in Atlanta, GA (*Bishop Paul attends*)
- Mon. Feb. 23** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
- Tue. Feb. 24** - ***FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS - APOSTLE***
- Wed. Feb. 25** - Diocesan family prays for parishes, diocese and church - 12 noon
Bitter Lamentations - part II - 6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Feb. 26** - Eastern Diocese Mission & Evangelism Zoom Presentation - "**AI Scary and Good**" - presented by Mr. Larry Gagnon - 4:00 PM
Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 11:30 AM
- Fri. Feb. 27** - ***Stations of the Cross*** - 6:00 PM
- Sat. Feb 28** - ***Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat (North) Saint Casimir Parish - Lowell, MA*** - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
- Sun. Mar. 1** - ***SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT***
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Cake & Coffee Reception and S.O.C.L. - 10:15 AM

Bible Word Search:

Jesus and the Twelve

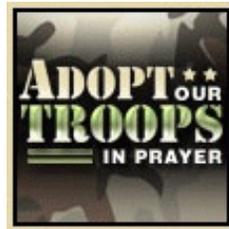
All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to spell the *Mystery Word*. To work the puzzle on paper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

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| Accompanied | Appeared | Argued |
| Bartholomew | Believed | Bethsaida |
| Betrayed | Brothers | Confessed |
| Disciples | Doubted | Fishermen |
| Followers | Galilee | Gethsemane |
| Healing | Instructions | Jerusalem |
| John | Judas | Listened |
| Loved | Parables | Philip |
| Questioned | Rebuked | Tax collector |
| Teaching | Testified | Wondered |



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

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| Lt.Col. Scott M. Krasko | ARMY | REMEMBER
THOSE
WHO SERVE |
| 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 | |
| Sgt. David I. Testerman | NH NATIONAL GUARD | |
| Lt. Dean Testerman | NAVY | |
| Anthony Bencosme | AIR FORCE | |



PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

In the Hospital:

Clergy Who Are ill:

Father Paul Zomerfeld retired 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
Donna Wyskiel in Hanover Hills Nursing Home, Manchester, 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

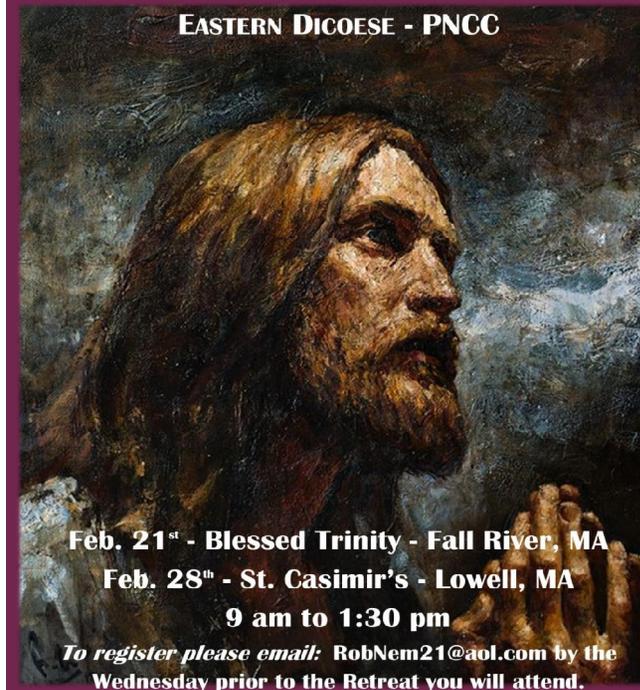
at home:

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
Meg Sheha in Hollywood, FL



2026 NORTHEAST SENIORATE LENTEN RETREATS

EASTERN DICOESE - PNCC



Feb. 21st - Blessed Trinity - Fall River, MA

Feb. 28th - St. Casimir's - Lowell, MA

9 am to 1:30 pm

To register please email: RobNem21@aol.com by the Wednesday prior to the Retreat you will attend.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

CHARLOTTE RĄCZKA

in loving memory of Michael Platek, Katarzyna Platek and son Edward Platek

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.

MARCH 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by LAURIE GREENE

in loving memory of my husband David and our parents and siblings

APRIL 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by a Friend of the Parish
for the Four Chaplains of World War II

MAY 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROL JUTRAS & FAMILY

in loving memory of my husband Raymond and mother Mary Zukosky

JUNE 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by NANCY AXT

in loving memory of husband, John Axt

JULY 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by NANCY AXT

in loving memory of parents, Walter and Phyllis Piecuch

AUGUST 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by BRIAN DUPLESSIS AND SONS

in loving memory of wife and mother Leslie

SEPTEMBER 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by JOSEPH KOMISAREK

in loving memory of wife Louise and son Daniel Komisarek
and parents Jennie & Frank Komisarek

OCTOBER 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by a Friend of the Parish
for God's blessings on the decisions made by this year's General Synod

NOVEMBER 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by a Friend of the Parish
for the Founding Families of Holy Trinity Cathedral

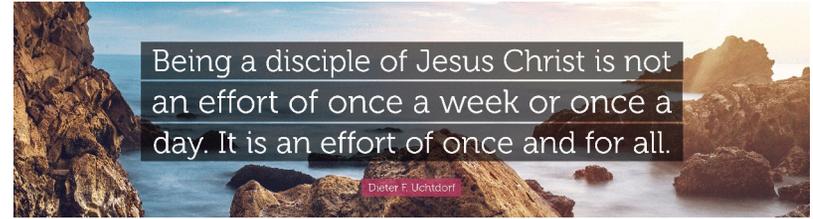
DECEMBER 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT

in loving memory of Chester and Tillie Kaminski

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM ?

The burning of the palms is often done in a communal setting, usually within the church, and is a symbol of the unity of the Christian community in this penitential season. The palms are lit in a controlled fire, and as they burn, the smoke rises toward heaven, echoing the prayers and sacrifices of the faithful. This act of purification mirrors our own inner purification as we prepare to walk with Jesus through the 40 days of Lent.

As we begin our journey through Lent, let us remember the powerful symbol of the burning palms. The ashes remind us of who we are—fragile human beings in need of redemption. Yet they also remind us of the hope we have in Christ, who invites us to walk with Him through this season of renewal, trusting that He will bring us to the fullness of new life.



Christ Calls Us to the Here and Now

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” —Luke 9:23

Following Christ does not mean that we have to give up our jobs, schools, love of sports and entertainment, playing video games, or our social media handles. At least, not necessarily. What it means is that we need to let go of everything that produces anxiety in us and takes up our time without any benefit to ourselves or the world; it means giving up the trivial worries that merely keep us busy, give us something to think about, offer an escape, or hide us from what really matters. Christ calls us to the here and now. He wants us to be present to people and things that actually make a difference. If we want to be his disciples, there is no time to waste living in a world that doesn't exist. The kingdom is at hand, and it's the only world we need.

— from the book ***Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship***
by Casey Cole, OFM, page 50

**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 turned over to a local program serving a special need in our Greater, Manchester community. Which organization will be determined by the parish committee at its meeting. Please give generously!

The ritual of burning palms for Ash Wednesday is more than just an act of disposing of the previous year's palm branches. It is a significant moment in the liturgical life of the Church, inviting the faithful into a deeper understanding of their own mortality, the need for repentance, and the journey toward resurrection. May the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday serve as a reminder of the grace available to us as we walk through Lent, preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter.



