



**HOLY TRINITY  
CATHEDRAL  
PARISH  
POLISH NATIONAL  
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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**G L O S**

February 9, 2025

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PIĄTA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA**

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Ancient travelers described Galilee as a rich land. It had the proper soil and rain for good agriculture, it sat at the crossroads of trade, and the small but deep Lake of Gennesaret (also known as the Sea of Galilee) teemed with fish. Although Jesus and His fellow Galileans were subjects of the Roman Empire, most residents of the province were not in thrall to local landowners or other potentates, as would have been the case elsewhere. They were free people. Thus, although the fishermen who became Jesus' first disciples worked with their hands, they were probably not among the poor, and it is unlikely

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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 109 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 about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

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### Sunday, February 2nd - We

thank the following who provided for our Cake & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese); Wendy Thomas (Fruit Bowl); Betty Pasioka (Spice Cake with Pecans, Pineapple Cake); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Joanne Palys (Apple Streudel); Jim Morin (Raisin Pie).

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



Check out our diocesan website:

[www.easterndiocesepncc.com](http://www.easterndiocesepncc.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/holytrinitycathedralpncc>

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

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

### SOUP FOR SENIORS

**Sunday, February 2nd** - Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to eight pint containers of **Vegetable Chowder** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. **Karen Sobiechowski** 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 and Parish Committee Members please note:

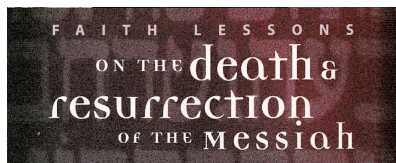
Parish Committee Chairperson, Mr. Raymond Pieczarka has determined that, because so much was accomplished at last Sunday's annual meeting, and with no pressing matters before the parish, the scheduled February meeting will be cancelled and the next parish committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 20th.



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 on **TUESDAY, February 18th 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 Carlos A. Aranda,*  
and the faithful of  
*Saint Mary Parish,*  
*West Allis, Wisconsin*  
and for

*Father Senior Robert Nemkovich, Jr.,*  
his family and the faithful of  
*Blessed Trinity Parish,*  
*Fall River, 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.



### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

**Mon.** - Genesis 1: 1 - 19      **Thu.** - Genesis 2: 18 - 25  
Mark 6: 53 - 56      Mark 7: 24 - 30

**Tue.** - Genesis 1: 20 - 2: 4      **Fri.** - Genesis 3: 1 - 8  
Mark 7: 1 - 13      Mark 7: 31 - 37

**Wed.** - Genesis 2: 5 - 9, 15 - 17      **Sat.** - Genesis 3: 9 - 24  
Mark 7: 14 - 23      Mark 8: 1 - 10

**Next Sun.** - Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8 / Psalm 1: 1, 1 - 2, 3, 4, 6  
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20 / Luke 6: 17, 20 - 26

### Bible Word Search:

### GENESIS 24

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.

Abraham      Blessed  
Bracelets      Brother  
Camels      Came to pass  
Canaanites      Comforted  
Daughters      Destitute  
Drinking      Follow  
Goods      Handmaiden  
Hath spoken      I pray thee  
Isaac      Lahairoi  
Mercy      Mesopotamia  
Pitcher      Proceedeth  
Prosperous      Provender  
Rebekah      Sarah  
Stricken      Tents  
Wondering      Thousands      We cannot      Wife



### 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:

*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:**

*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

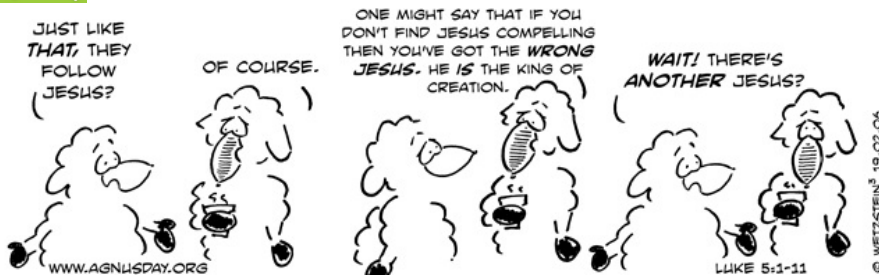
COL. Father Andrew Bilinski  
LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski  
CPT. Father Joseph Kolek  
CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus  
CPT. Father Nadeem Yaqoob  
Cpt. Father Mariusz Mularczyk



## 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	

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HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL P.N.C.C. Manchester, NH	Offerings
	Current Expenses: _____
	Good Samaritan: _____
	Parish Improvements: _____
	Cemetery Improvements: _____
Name _____	Total: _____

The 2025 Contribution  
Envelopes have arrived and are  
now available for pickup  
in the Auditorium.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

CHARLOTTE and EDWARD RACZKA

in loving memory of Ann and Walter Makara.

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 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by LAURIE GREENE

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

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

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 ?

**SOUPER  
BOWL  
SUNDAY**

The Greater Manchester Clergy Association will once again sponsor the **Souper Bowl Food collection**, the weekend of Feb. 8-9, 2025. Our cathedral parish will join neighboring congregations in this effort to benefit the Families in Transition Food Pantry. **Canned goods can be brought to the cathedral from January 1 to February 9 (canned soup preferred).** The winning congregation will receive a lovely fruit bowl for sharing with one

another (perhaps during cake and coffee).

This is the last day that YOU can give for this important effort, that the poor of our community can share in the bounty that God has provided us. "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Matthew 25:35

## MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

\* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

### THIS SUNDAY, February 9th, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### PIĄTA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

**Memorial of Cyril of Alexandria - Bishop, Doctor**

*Souper Bowl Collection of food for Families in Transition ends*

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

sp Chester Kaminski requested by Lynn Hebert

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

11:00 AM Bishop Paul will also celebrate Holy Mass at St. Casimir Parish, Lowell, MA

### MONDAY, February 10th, (Poniedziałek)

**Memorial of Scholastica, - Virgin**

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese

6:30 PM Polish National Alliance Council 303 Zoom meeting

### TUESDAY, February 11th, (Wtorek)

**Memorial of Lucius of Adrianopole - Bishop, 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 clergy of the Eastern Diocese and their families

### WEDNESDAY, February 12th, (Środa)

**Memorial of Meletius of Antioch - Bishop**

**President Abraham Lincoln Birthday**

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer intention: for the health of all PNCC faithful and their families

12:00 PM Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer for their parishes, diocese and Church

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

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

### THURSDAY, February 13th, (Czwartek)

**Memorial of Polyeuctus - Martyr**

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

7:00 PM Eastern Diocese Zoom "The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission" led by Father Senior Robert Nemkovich Jr. - "Fully Human, Fully Divine"

### FRIDAY, February 14th, (Piątek)

**Memorial of Valentine - Bishop, Martyr**

**Valentine's Day - U.S.A.**

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

### SATURDAY, February 15th, (Sobota)

**Memorial of Faustinus and Jovitus - Martyrs**

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 gifts of the Holy Spirit would be lavished upon them, producing the many fruits of the same Holy Spirit

11:00 AM Eastern Diocese A.N.S. Sub-Central Zoom Board Meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY, February 16th, (Niedziela Przyszła)

**SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY**

**NIEDZIELA SIEDEMDIESIĄTNICA**

**Memorial of Franciszek Hodur - Bishop, Confessor**

*sp. First Prime Bishop Francis Hodur - 02-16-1953*

**Parish Alms Collection for local community organization begins**

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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

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that they were particularly humble. It would be better to characterize them as individuals with resources, intelligence, personal pride, and significant physical strength.

This is, in fact, the picture we get of Peter in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He owns his boat. He has spent the day fishing but has sufficient energy left to use his skill as a sailor to give Jesus the means to speak to the crowd. When Jesus, a frame carpenter, suggests that he go back out and try again, Peter pushes back. His response is gentle, but firm, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing." Then something softens his heart, "but at your command I will lower the nets."

Luke tells stories of encounter and transformation, and this is one of the best. Until the moment he saw the great catch of fish, Peter probably understood Jesus to be a fellow laborer, a healer, and an inspired and charismatic speaker, but not someone who could command the sea to give up its bounty. He had encountered something new in Jesus, and he responded as the great figures of Israel's past had always responded to their call from God, with a lifetime of dedication and ever-deepening appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

- When have your skills allowed Jesus to work through you?
- How can you let Jesus soften your heart to try something new
- Has an encounter with Christ ever transformed your life?

***Practice of Faith***

Our Scriptures today are flush with "call" stories. After the prophet Isaiah's vision, his mouth is purified with a burning ember, and he hears the call of the Lord. St. Paul testifies about his conversion to faith in his letter to the people of Corinth. St. Luke narrates how Jesus called Simon, James, and John out of their fishing boat and into their destiny as disciples. These accounts inspire reflection on our call.

- Sketch a timeline of your life, paying special attention to when you experienced the Lord's call. What happened and how did you respond?
- Reflect on how you use your voice in service of faith. What words of glory, praise, and gratitude do you speak? How do you share your faith with others in your circle of influence?

***Questions***

- In today's first reading we hear that God sends a vision to Isaiah

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in which he hears the call, "Whom shall I send?" When have you heard such a call and responded with, "Here I am; send me"? How could you pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and to other ways of doing God's work?

- Paul considers himself to be the least of the apostles because he persecuted the Church. Yet he experienced a radical conversion and became one of the strongest apostles. How can you be an agent for conversion—yours or someone else's? Have you ever considered visiting someone who is incarcerated, simply to be the charitable presence of Christ for them? In such simple, supportive acts are the seeds of conversion.
- Have you ever found yourself casting out your net and bringing in nothing? When this has happened, in what ways have you asked for your net to be filled? When we are sent from the liturgy, we are being sent on a mission to cast out our nets and bring others to the Lord. What are some of the ways in which you could answer this Gospel call?

***Family Activities***

- Consider the ways in which you may be responding to the Lord's call in your life. God is always taking the initiative, but are you recognizing the call? Are you prepared to say yes and prepared to make the yes whole hearted? A good way to prepare yourself to recognize and respond to God's many initiatives in your life might be to pray today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8, refrain 1c). Starting from an attitude of thanksgiving heightens your awareness of God's presence.
- Thinking of Simon Peter, who left his work as a fisherman to follow Christ, pray this week for all who make their living from the waters of the oceans, seas, lakes, and rivers of the world. Pray for an end to devastating attacks on ecosystems that provide nourishment and a just livelihood for those who live off the bounty of the water.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Sun. Feb. 16 - SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY**  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM  
Parish Alms Collection for local community organization begins  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
Ladies A.N.S. Meeting in the Craft Room - 10:45 AM

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### Coming Events (continued)

- Mon. Feb. 17** - **Presidents Day Federal Holiday**  
**Tue. Feb. 18** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM  
Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room - 7:00 PM  
**Wed. Feb. 19** - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM  
**Thu. Feb. 20** - Union of Scranton Theological Commission Zoom- 10:00 AM  
Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room- 11:30 AM  
**Fri. Feb. 21** - **President George Washington Birthday**  
**Sun. Feb. 23** - **SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY**  
**Holy Mass** - 9:00 AM  
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM  
**Mon. Feb. 24** - **FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS - APOSTLE**  
**Tue. Feb. 25** - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM  
**Wed. Feb. 26** - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM  
Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM  
**Sat. Mar. 1** - Eastern Diocese Clergy Circle Meeting, Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI - 10:00 AM

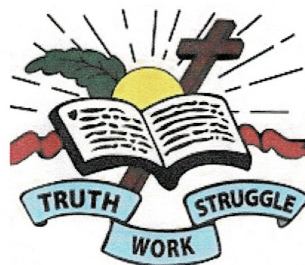
### **DISCIPLESHIP 2025:**

#### **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 **second** in a series of virtual  
“**Know and Grow**” presentations on  
**Thursday February 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).**

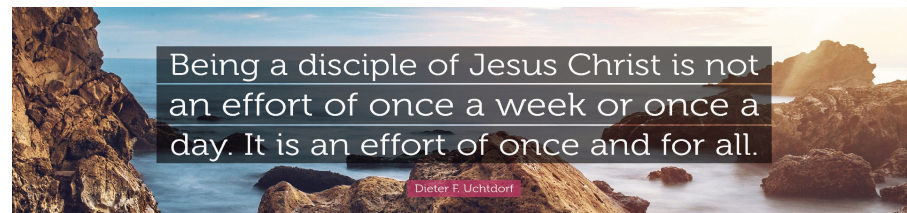


Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., will help us to explore the topic,  
**Jesus: Fully Human and Fully Divine**

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](mailto:revpauls@yahoo.com) or  
[ksobiechowski@yahoo.com](mailto:ksobiechowski@yahoo.com)

~ Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



### **The Only Self We Bring to Christ**

Despite being a finite creature in the midst of an all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present Being—an absolute nothing next to God, in every way dependent and with no reason to boast—I never feel insignificant or unwanted. I am God’s child, chosen and adopted out of love, called to love and serve in his kingdom. What could ever matter more than knowing this? Truly, everything else is straw. Everything else is the working of a false self, an ego that knows nothing of reality. It is why in his admonitions St. Francis writes, “As much as [one] is before God, that much he is and nothing more.” Nothing in all of existence matters at all except what God thinks of us. What we say about ourselves, what others think of us, who we wish were are—these are all useless questions, false selves that keep us from who we truly are before God, and prevent us from following after Christ with our whole hearts. If we want to be his disciples, the only self we can bring is the one that he created and redeemed. Everything else, we must let go.

— from the book ***Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship***  
by Casey Cole, OFM, page 1

### **The Sacred Now**

We have become skilled at (and consumed by) emotional multitasking. It’s not just the tidy part that motivates us. We want the assurance that it brings. You know: Now that things are in order, I can enjoy life more. While we are focusing our energy on the perfect picture (or relationship or child or church or faith or life script), our minds are already into the future, and because of that, we cannot be Here. Now. Present.

This sacred moment. Yes, sacred even in the uncertainty and the pain. And when we can see the gift of the child beyond the mess, we will respond from a place of generosity and hopefulness.

— from the book ***Stand Still: Finding Balance When the World Turns Upside Down***  
by Terry Hershey

**NEXT SUNDAY ALMS BOXES WILL ONCE AGAIN BE IN THE BACK OF THE CATHEDRAL FOR YOUR USE DURING LENT. YOUR DAILY OFFERING AND THOSE OF ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WILL BE COLLECTED ON PALM SUNDAY. OUR OFFERINGS WILL THEN BENEFIT A LOCAL CHARITY, TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PARISH COMMITTEE. GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

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*

### **NEXT SUNDAY IS SEPTUAGESIMA**

The Polish National Catholic Church observes Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays, the observance of which is a season of preparation for Holy Lent.

Rose or violet vestments are worn, except on solemnities and feast days.

During the Holy Mass liturgy, the “Alleluia Verse” following the lesson readings ceases to be said, and is replaced with a “Tract.” Likewise, As during Advent and Lent, the Gloria is omitted and the dismissal form of the Mass, “Thanks be to God” is replaced with “Let Us Bless the Lord.”



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