



**HOLY TRINITY
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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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February 23, 2025

**SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY
NIEDZIELA SZEŚĆDZIESIĄTNICA**

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This Sunday's Gospel reading provides another example of Luke's theme of the great reversal. Humanity has created a world that is the opposite of what God intended, and now God is acting through Christ and the Spirit to set things right.

Sin tells us that we are alone, and that we must struggle to get and keep what is ours. Christ tells us that we are loved by the creator of all things, who pours out abundance upon us. Sin tells us that the world is filled with enemies, and that we must remain vigilant not to fall into their hands. Christ reminds us that God created each person

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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 to learn about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

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Sunday, February 9th & 16th -

Because of the consecutive snow storms the past two weekends. There were no Cae & Coffee opportunities.

Karen & Bishop Paul worshipped at

Holy Mass two weeks ago and last Sunday they were joined by their son, Luke and Joanne Palys. Many viewed the live streams of the Eucharistic liturgies.

Hopefully, this Sunday the weather will be better.



Check out our diocesan website:

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 9th & 16th - Because of the snow storms there were no pints of soup prepared for seniors. Hopefully, this Sunday the weather will be better.

So we still ask the question: What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

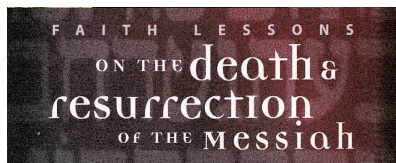




Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM, but can be adjusted if you are interested! Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week. The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required. 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 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 James Ploskonka,
his family and the faithful of
All Saints Parish,
Sterling Heights, Michigan,
and for

Father Dr. Henryk Woś.,
his family and the faithful of
Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, 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 SEXAGESIMA WEEK

Mon. - Sirach 1: 1 - 10 Mark 9: 14 - 29	Thu. - Sirach 5: 1 - 8 Mark 9: 41 - 50
Tue. - Sirach 2: 1 - 11 Mark 9: 30 - 37	Fri. - Sirach 6: 5 - 17 Mark 10: 1 - 12
Wed. - Sirach 4: 11 - 19 Mark 9: 38 - 40	Sat. - Sirach 17: 1 - 15 Mark 10: 13 - 16

Next Sun. - Sirach 27: 4 - 7 / Psalm 92: 2 - 3, 13 - 14, 15 - 16
1 Corinthians 15:54 - 58 / Luke 6: 39 - 45

Bible Word Search:

EXODUS 36

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.

Aholiab	Bezaleel
Boards	Building
Camp	Chapters
Cherubim	Commanded
Coupled	Coupling
Curtains	Fillets
Goats	Gold
Likewise	Linen
Moses	Offering
One ring	Overlaid
Pillars	Restrained
Sanctuary	Scarlet
Service	Silver
Sockets	Southward
Twined	Uttermost



Tents	Twenty
Westward	Wisdom

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:

Wendy Thomas at home in Bedford, 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

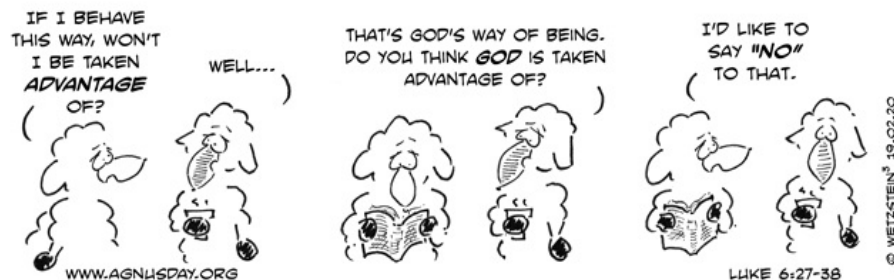
COL. Father Andrew Bilinski
LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski
CPT. Father Joseph Kolek
CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus
CPT. Father Nadeem Yaqoob
Cpt. Father Mariusz Mularczyk



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	

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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 ?

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!



MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, February 23rd, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA SZEŚĆDIESIĄTNICA

Memorial of Serenus the Gardener - *Hermit, Martyr*

Parish Aims 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

MONDAY, February 24th, (Poniedziałek)

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS - APOSTLE

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

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

2:00 PM PNCC Bishops' Zoom meeting

TUESDAY, February 25th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Victorinus and Companions - *Martyrs*

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 26th, (Środa)

Memorial of Alexander of Alexandria - *Bishop*

9:00 AM Holy Mass

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

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

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MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

THURSDAY, February 27th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Julian, Cronion and Besas - *Martyrs*

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

FRIDAY, February 28th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Romanus and Lupicinius - *Abbots*

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, March 1st, (Sobota)

Memorial of David of Wales - *Bishop*

10:00 AM Eastern Diocese Clergy Conference - Blessed Trinity Parish - Fall River, MA

NEXT SUNDAY, March 2nd, (Niedziela Przyszła)

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA PIĘĆDIESIĄTNICA

Memorial of The Martyrs of the Lombards - *Martyrs*

Parish Aims 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

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with gifts that, when used in love, will draw all others closer to eternity. In today's Gospel reading, we see Jesus practicing radical trust in God by placing his faith before the safety of his goods or even his person.

This radical trust, and the mercy that extends from it, had a long pedigree in Israel. As St. Paul implies in his distinction between natural and spiritual beings, mercy was long foreshadowed in Israel's Scriptures. In today's first reading, for example, David refrains from harming his enemy Saul, and instead trusts God to find a just resolution to their conflict. David did so, not because of a general stance on mercy, but because Saul was the divinely anointed king of Israel. Nonetheless, David's act shows a profound personal trust in

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God. David's descendant, Jesus, will extend this trust to every act of his life and ministry, and in doing so will reveal that mercy is the essence of God's call. Those who wish to be children of God must trust with the same zeal, learning how to set aside the lessons of the world and live according to the insights of God.

- How have you gone the extra mile for someone who did not deserve it?
- How have you been merciful to the "ungrateful and the wicked"?
- How can you replace habits of judgment with a spirit of generosity?

Practice of Charity

In today's familiar Gospel, Jesus imparts to His disciples, and all of us, a rule of conduct sometimes called the golden rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). Societies are structured to preserve secular justice, while Jesus instructs us to seek spiritual justice.

- Learn about the restorative justice approach to resolving conflict and harm done between individuals. Are there elements of the process that you could adopt in your life?
- A practice proven to foster forgiveness for someone who has hurt you is to pray for them daily. Stay faithful to the habit and take note of how God transforms your heart.
- Follow the Lord's example and embrace the virtue of mercy. Feed the hungry. Clothe the homeless. Visit the imprisoned. It is hard to hold on to judgment for those for whom you perform a work of mercy.

Questions

- David spared Saul because he was one of God's anointed. Have you ever acted mercifully because you realized the person had dignity as a child of God?
- In the responsorial psalm, we pray, "Not according to our sins does he deal with us." Can you disregard the wrong a person has done?
- Jesus says in today's Gospel, "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" Who needs your love that you find difficult to love?

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Family Activities

- In the second reading, Paul states, "The spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual." Is there a practical need that the group could attend to in the community?
- Seek to take to heart the Lord's admonition "pray for those who mistreat you." Make it part of your daily prayer to say an Our Father for someone with whom you have difficulty.
- Visiting the imprisoned is a corporal work of mercy. Do you know someone who is home bound who would enjoy a visitor? If the person is a parishioner, bring the parish bulletin. If the person lives far away, send a letter.






COMING EVENTS

MARCH 2025

- Sat. Mar. 1** - Eastern Diocese Clergy Circle Meeting, Holy Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA
- Sun. Mar. 2** - **QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY**
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Burning of palm branches - 10:15 AM
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
- Mon. Mar. 3** - **Bishop Daniel Cyganowski (sp. 1983)**
- Tue. Mar. 4** - **SHROVE TUESDAY**
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
HTC Bible Study "in person" & Zoom - craft room 7:00 PM
- Wed. Mar. 5** - **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Holy Mass & Blessing and Imposition of Ashes - 9:00 AM
Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM
Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 1 and Ashes Imposed - 6:00 PM
Parish Choir Meeting and Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
- Thu. Mar. 6** - **Bishop Jan Dawidziuk (sp. 2012)**
Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 11:30 AM
Greater Manchester Clergy Association - Bishop Paul attends
Eastern Diocese Administrative Seniors' Zoom meeting - 1:30 PM
- Fri. Mar. 7** - **Stations of the Cross** - 6:00 PM
- Sat. Mar. 8** - Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat (south) Our Saviour Parish -
Woonsocket, RI - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
- Sun. Mar. 9** - **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church commemorated
Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM
Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM


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- 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
- 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 - 6:30 PM
 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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- 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)*

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

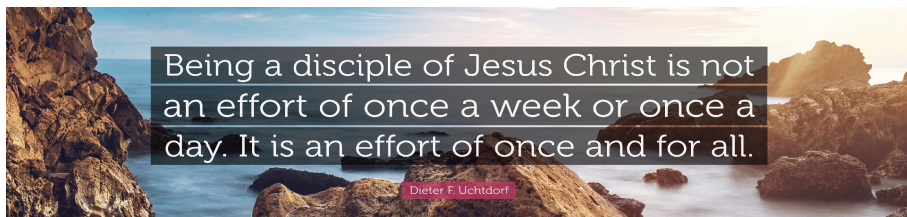


Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation. Almighty and Eternal God, You desire that all should be saved. Enable those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Help them grasp the mystery 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.



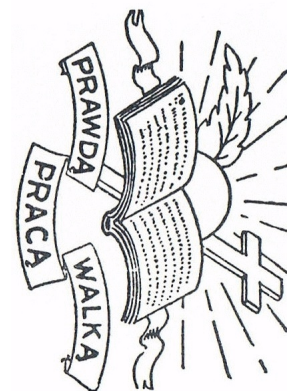
Eastern Diocese PNCC Mission and Evangelism Commission



Love Has the Last Word

In the words of the apostle John, we are God's children now! Thus, wherever we are At the heart of it all, Franciscan prayer is about gospel living. It is not really concerned with knowledge or intellectual contemplation. It is concerned with the human person and the transformation of the human person in God. It is about living Christ and making the Good News of the Incarnation alive. How desperately this path of prayer is needed in our world today! We seek healing of divisions, hate and violence. We desire wholeness, unity and peace. How shall these things come about? Are they merely ideas or values that must be given flesh and blood? To live the gospel is to put flesh and blood on God and proclaim throughout the universe, the glory of God is fully alive! Without flesh and blood, the Good News that God has become human and healed the divisions of humankind and all creation is not news at all. Christian life demands human participation or it simply does not exist. It is an empty title in a broken world. If we desire justice, peace and love among humankind and throughout creation, then we humans must become justice, peace and love. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Good News of being Christian—to live in the depths of God's faithful love in a way that resounds throughout all creation. The path of Franciscan prayer is a way to live fully the Gospel life by living fully in the mystery of Christ. We must descend with Christ into the darkness of our humanity so that we may rise with Christ in the unity of love. In a world marked by violence and death, suffering does not have the last word. The last word is love and that love is the fullness of Christ, the Word of God.

— from the book *Franciscan Prayer*
by Ilia Delio, OSF



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