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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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February 16, 2025

**SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY
NIEDZIELA SIEDEMDIESIĄTNICA**

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In addition to "encounter and response," another theme that Luke highlights could be called the "great reversal." These themes were probably embedded in Jesus' original preaching, but they resonated with Luke's spirituality, and he emphasized them in his narrative. The theme of the "great reversal" came originally from Israel's prophets, who believed that human sinfulness had created a world quite the opposite of the one God intended, and that God would soon act to set things right. "This theme is also strong in Mary's Magnificat ("The hungry He has filled with good things; / the rich He

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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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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 9th - Because of the snow storm last weekend. No one, other than Bishop Paul and Karen physically attended Holy Mass. Many viewed a live stream of the Eucharistic liturgy. Hence, there was no Soup for Seniors. Hopefully, this Sunday the weather will be better.

What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

SEPTUAGESIMA

... is the ninth Sunday before Easter, the third before Ash Wednesday. The term is sometimes

applied to the seventy days starting on Septuagesima Sunday and ending on the Saturday after Easter. Alternatively, the term is sometimes applied also to the period sometimes called pre-Lent that begins on this day and ends on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins.

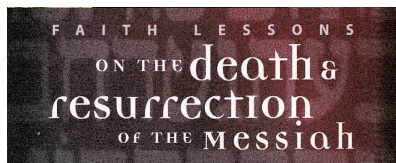
The other two Sundays in this period of the liturgical year are called Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, the latter sometimes also called Shrove Sunday. The earliest date on which Septuagesima Sunday can occur is January 18 (Easter falling on March 22 in a common year) and the latest is February 22 (Easter falling on April 25 in a leap year).



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, 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 Bogumil Czaja,
his family and the faithful of
Saints Peter and Paul Parish,
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
and for

Father Senior Robert Nemkovich, Jr.,
his family and the faithful of
Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, MA.

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 SEPTUAGESIMA WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Mon. - Genesis 4: 1 - 15, 25 **Thu.** - Genesis 9: 1 - 13
Mark 8: 11 - 13 Mark 8: 27 - 33

Tue. - Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5, 10 **Fri.** - Genesis 11: 1 - 9
Mark 8: 14 - 21 Mark 8: 34 - 9: 1

Wed. - Genesis 8: 6 - 13, 20 - 22 **Sat.** - Hebrews 11: 1 - 7
Mark 8: 22 - 26 Mark 9: 2 - 13

Next Sun. - 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 68, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45 - 49 / Luke 6: 27 - 38

Bible Word Search:

EXODUS 1

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.

Afflict
Benjamin
Burdens
Daughter
Exceeding
Firstborn
Grieved
Israel
Jacob
King
Live
Midwives
Naphtali
Puah
Rigour
Treasure
Behold
Bondage
Children
Egyptians
Feared
Generation
Hardship
Issachar
Joseph
Levi
Manner
Multiplied
Pharaoh
Raamses
River
Upon



Shiphrah Simeon Taskmasters
Waxed Zebulun

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	

Agnus Day



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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 16th, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA SIEDEMDZIESIĄTNICA

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:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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

MONDAY, February 17th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Theodulus and Julian - Martyrs

Presidents Day - Federal Holiday

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

sp. Maria Wilczek requested by Bishop Paul and Karen
for God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese

TUESDAY, February 18th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Simeon - Bishop, Martyr

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

sp. Anna Dawidziuk requested by Bishop Paul and Karen
for God's blessings upon all the clergy of the Eastern Diocese and
their families

7:00 PM Adult Face-to-Face/Zoom Bible Study meets in the craft room

WEDNESDAY, February 19th, (Środa)

Memorial of Mesrop of Armenia - 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 20th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Tyrannio and enobius and Companions - 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

10:00 AM Union of Scranton Theological Commission Zoom

11:30 AM Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family

FRIDAY, February 21st, (Piątek)

Memorial of Severian - 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

SATURDAY, February 22nd, (Sobota)

Memorial of Thalassius and Limnaeus - Hermits, Martyrs

President George Washington Birthday

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, produc-
ing the many fruits of the same Holy Spirit

NEXT SUNDAY, February 23rd, (Niedziela Przyszła)

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA SZEŚĆDZIESIĄTNICA

Memorial of Serenus the Gardener - Hermit, Martyr

Parish Alms Collection for local community organization begins

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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has sent away empty," Luke 1:53), but it appears throughout Luke's Gospel, including in his version of the Beatitudes.

The Beatitudes can be considered to be Jesus' vision statement. These short statements begin "Blessed are" and describe the life of someone who lives completely under God's care. Most Christians are more familiar with Matthew's version of the Beatitudes, which appear

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in Matthew 5:3—12. Luke's version, in this Sunday's Gospel reading, is starkly different. These are shorter and also include a list of "maledictions" or woes: "Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry" (Luke 6:25). It is no surprise that different versions of the Beatitudes exist. In addition to the fallibility of human memory, Jesus preached His message again and again, in every town and village He entered. He certainly varied his approach based on the needs of his listeners. Luke perhaps shows us how He proceeded when words of correction were needed, whereas Matthew gives us Jesus' preaching in those places where He needed to build up hope.

The second reading explains what is at stake when we live the Beatitudes. Jesus lived utterly dependent on God's grace, and this complete self-offering was the act of love that carried Him past death. When we, His disciples, live the same way, we too can catch a glimpse of the same eternal life.

- Have you encountered the happiness of God's care even in difficulty?
- What situation in the world can you help God reverse?
- How can you begin eternal life today?

Practice of Hope

Today's Scriptures paint a vivid picture for us. Our wellspring of hope, the Lord, is like a tree planted near running streams whose roots receive an eternal source of nourishment. So it is for us when we place our trust in God: hope will feed our hearts and enable us to bear the fruits of faith.

- Trust grows through time spent in a life-giving relationship. Nourish your hope in God by prioritizing time for prayer. Share with God what is in your heart and make space to listen as well.
- In what is called "the Sermon on the Plain," Jesus promises the blessing of hope for oppressed community members. Look to the Beatitudes as a litmus test. Take stock of where you fall among the "blessed" and those whom woe awaits.
- Plan one action you can take this week to ease the suffering of the needy in your local community. Donate groceries to the local food pantry; deliver a meal to a grieving neighbor; bring a supply of new socks and hand warmers to the homeless shelter.

Questions

- The first reading tells of a person who is without fear and without

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Questions

distress because of the individual's hope in the Lord. Who do you know who has such hope? How has that person influenced you?

- The responsorial psalm sings that those who hope in the Lord are blessed. How has your hope in Christ transformed a situation?
- Those whom Jesus calls "blessed" are poor, hungry, weeping, and hated. Why would a person desire to be part of that group?

Family Activities

- All of the readings today refer to hope. Consider how hope in Christ has affected your life. Is there someone who would welcome hearing your story of hope?
- Read the Beatitudes in Luke 6:20–26. Do you know someone who is excluded and insulted because of standing up for what is right? Decide on a way to support that person. Perhaps you could write a letter stating the impression the person has made on you.
- Together, read the Beatitudes in Mark 5:3–12. Discuss how they are both similar to and different from the Beatitudes in Luke.

COMING EVENTS

- 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



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

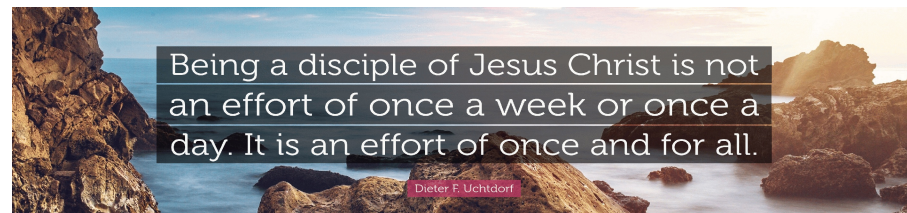
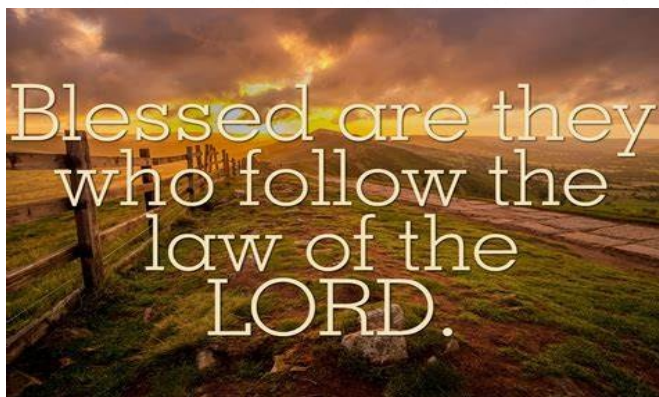


Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation. Almighty and Eternal God, You desire that all should be saved. Enable those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Help them grasp the mystery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



We Are God's Children Now

In the words of the apostle John, we are God's children now! Thus, wherever we are and whatever we are doing, God is with us in his Son. I truly appreciate the ways in which the accounts of the resurrection appearances in the Gospel beautifully and powerfully underscore this point. Jesus does not reveal himself in bold, dramatic fashion, with special effects that would be fitting for the Son of God raised in splendor. Rather he simply is present wherever his followers find themselves, like a locked room, on a road outside of town, in a cemetery, on the shores of the sea. Although the followers of Christ were sad, frightened, confused, and forlorn, Jesus cares so much about them that he shows himself attentive to everything they are experiencing because of his death on the cross. He is with them where they are, and that remains true for us today.

— from the book *Prayer Everywhere: The Spiritual Life Made Simple*
by Fr. Gary Caster



Our response to the Greater Manchester Clergy Association ***Souper Bowl Food collection***, was just Super! Tuesday morning Lynn Hebert, Karen Sobiechowski and Bishop Paul delivered 593 food items (primarily cans of soup) to the Families in Transition Food Pantry. Andrew, the warehouse manager pictured below, was most thankful to receive the gift of food. We thank everyone for the support.





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