

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 166 Pearl Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

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Scripture Insights

The "wilderness" or "desert" in biblical literature signifies a liminal or in-between place. After their liberation from Egypt, the Hebrews wandered in the "wilderness" for forty years. Without the structure and security of society, they had to depend on God for the essentials of food and water. It was in the wilderness that they learned how to trust God and become God's people.

After His baptism Jesus is driven into the desert (Mark 1:12), where He is tested by the devil, accompanied by wild beasts, and

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WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH

If this is your first visit with us, please sign our guest register in the vestibule and join us for a cake and coffee fellowship that follows every Sunday Mass and on various feast days of the Church year.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Manchester and Southern New Hampshire community for 108 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

(Unless otherwise announced - Many meetings cancelled due to Covid-19)

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)

Holy Trinity Seniors will resume at a later date

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 Page 2

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 "Hil" 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 will be reorganizing in the near future. 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 11th, 2024 -

We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Banana Bread); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Wendy Thomas (Red Velvet Whoopie



Pies); Karen Sobiechowski (Blueberry, Lemon, and Bavarian Cream Paczki); Joanne Palys (Mini Beignets).

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

Check out our diocesan website: www.easterndiocesepncc.com

www.casternatocesephee.com

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

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

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - LIKE US AT:

https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitycathedralpnccWe have our own website up and running with Larry Gagnon as webmaster:

http://www.holytrinitypncc.org/

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pints of *Beef Stew* through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. **Wendy Thomas** provided the ten pints of Beef Stew. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.



What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?

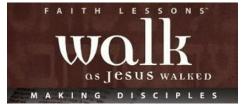


Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week.

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 date will be this Tuesday, February 20th 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:

Rev. Jason Soltysiak, his family and the faithful of Saint Mary's Parish Parma, Ohio and

Rev. Thomas Walsh, his family and the faithful of

Saint Joseph's of Stratford Parish Stratford, Connecticut.



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.



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LECTIONARY READINGS - FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mon. Leviticus 19: 1 - 2, 11 - 18	Thu. - Esther C 12, 14 - 16, 23 - 25
Matthew 25: 31 - 46	Matthew 7: 7 - 12
Tue. - Isaiah 55: 10 - 11	Fri. - Ezekiel 18: 21 - 28
Matthew 6: 7 - 15	Matthew 5: 20 - 26
Wed. - Jonah 3: 1 - 10	Sat. - Deuteronomy 26: 16 - 19
Luke 11: 29 - 32	Matthew 5: 43 - 48

Next Sun. - Genesis 22: 1 - 2, 9, 10 - 13, 15-18 / Psalm 116: 10, 15, 16 - 17, 18 - 19 Romans 8: 31 - 34 / Mark 9: 2 - 10

Bible Word Search:

Acts

MORE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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.

Colossians	Deuteronomy
Ephesians	Esther
Ezekiel	Ezra
Galatians	Hebrews
II Chronicles II John	
II Kings	II Samuel
II Timothy	Isaiah
Jeremiah	Job
Joel, Jonah, Leviticus, Malachi,	
Mark, Matthew, Micah,	
Numbers, Obadiah, Philippians,	
Revelation, Romans, Ruth, Song	
of Songs, Third John, Titus,	

Amos

LPHILIPPIANSSOA ESGNIKIISEKWRHJ HZNHACIMOTREEAO GERZEPHANIAHBIB NABAMOSRGJMTMMA LOLRYMONORETUED ESIAEANEFNOANRI VNTTTWLHSJIMAEA IASNAISSOLOCAJH TIHCALAMNJTNLNI ISAIAHENGSISAES CESTHERVSUTITHS UHAIRAHCEZEKIEL SPNMRUTHIRDJOHN LEUMASIITIMOTHY

The 2024 contributions envelopes are here and are located on a table on the first floor, outside the elevator. Please pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience! Thank you.

Ray Pieczarka - Parish Committee Chairperson



Zechariah, Zephaniah

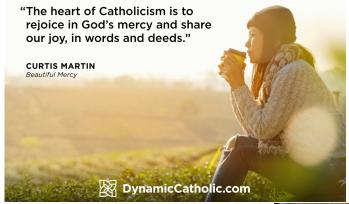
On Ash Wednesday our Souper Bowl collection of 464 cans of soup and other non-perishable food items were delivered to the Families in Transition Food Warehouse for distribution to the needy. We thank all who contributed.



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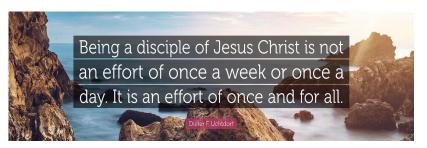
During the rest of February and all through March, the membership and outreach team will be accepting donations to be included in **Blessing Bags for the Homeless**. (See photo)

Personal care items (toothbrush, toothpaste, first aid kit, comb, hygiene items, soap, washcloth) and small snacks are just a few of the things that would be appropriate.





ALMS BOXES ARE IN THE BACK OF
THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY
EACH DAY OF LENT. ALMS OFFERINGS WILL BE
RETURNED ON PALM SUNDAY. THE MONEY WILL THEN
BENEFIT A LOCAL CHARITY, TO BE DETERMINED BY
THE PARISH COMMITTEE. PLEASE, GIVE GENEROUSLY!



Expect the Unexpected

How will we react when Jesus chooses to exalt the homeless person downtown, giving him immense wisdom that reveals to us that we actually know very little about life? What will we do when that woman we cannot stand, the one who made our life miserable for so long, is waiting for us next to Jesus, glorified in the kingdom of heaven? Being a disciple of Christ means abandoning our desire to choose who sits next to us at church, who is loved and forgiven, who God chooses to entrust with important tasks, and ultimately, who we spend eternity with. If the mission of Christ is like a dinner party in which we wait to respond to our invitation until we ask, "Who else is going to be there?" we might not be ready to follow him. When we place limits on who can enter and who God can use, we place limits on God and make an idol out of our faith.

—from the book *Let Go: Seven Stumbling Blocks to Christian Discipleship* by Casey Cole, OFM, page 24

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

All clergy serve in the United States Army

COL. Father Andrew Bilinski

LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski

CPT. Father Joseph Kolek CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus

Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving

MSG. Aleka Ramoutar ARMY REMEMBER Major. Scott M. Krasko ARMY THOSE SSGT. Nick Hudak AIR FORCE RESERVE WHO SERVE

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

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PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

In the Hospital:

Clergy Who Are ill:

Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak in Westfield, MA Father Paul Zomerfeld serving in Johnstown, PA Father Senior Augustin Sicard in San Antonio, TX



In nursing homes & rehab centers:

Charlotte Raczka at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH Barbara Bukowski at Villa Crest Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH Frances Dobosz at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH Vudge Ambrose at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH at home:

David Matuszek at home in Lyndeborough, NH
 Emilia DeVore at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH
 Phyllis Piecuch at home in Manchester, NH
 Nancy Montplaisir at home in Manchester, NH
 David Greene at home in Temple Terrace, FL
 Meg Sheha in Hollywood, FL



February 2024
Let's pray for our parish families every Wednesday at Noon:

My Lord and my God, hear my prayers for the well-being of my parish family. Grant us Your grace and all that is necessary for the spiritual growth and welfare of our congregation. Enlighten and guide my pastor and all who minister to the needs of Your people. Strengthen and awaken in us a living faith; comfort and heal the sick, lonely, and brokenhearted; soften those who are contentious or stubborn; awaken the indifferent, and rescue the fallen. Lord, help us to continue to proclaim Your truth. Unite us with Christ in like-mindedness of purpose. I ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen. † (from the PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)

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.



PNCC Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

MARY ANN KISKA

in loving memory of my husband, Stanley Kiska

If you would like to help your parish and be acknowledged for your gift consider sponsoring the weekly bulletin. For a \$ 100 donation (increased costs) 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 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by DAVID and LAURIE GREENE
in loving memory of our deceased parents and siblings.

APRIL 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by EDWARD RACZKA
in loving memory of Wanda, John and Stanley Raczka

MAY 2024 & 2025 & 2026 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROL JUTRAS & FAMILY
in loving memory of my husband Raymond and mother Mary Zukosky
JUNE 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by PAULINE PIECUCH
in loving memory of my loving husband Eugene Piecuch
JULY 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by BRIAN DUPLESSIS

in loving memory of wife Leslie

SEPTEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JOSEPH KOMISAREK in loving memory of wife Louise and son Daniel Komisarek

OCTOBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JACQUELINE SZOPA in loving memory of my aunt and uncle, Valerie and Benedict Grzybowski NOVEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by JACQUELINE SZOPA in loving memory of my husband Dr. Ronald F. Szopa DECEMBER 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by LISA FARMER in loving memory of her deceased grandparents Frank and Laura Pirok. And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, February 18th, 2024 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT PIERWSZA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

Memorial of Colman of Lindesfarne - Bishop

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. Meeting in the craft room

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MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

MONDAY, February 19th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Beatus of Liebana - Confessor Presidents' Day Federal Holiday - USA

8:45 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the parishes of our diocese

* sp. Mary C. and Bernard Wyskiel requested by Darlene Wyskiel

TUESDAY, February 20th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Eleutherius - Bishop

8:45 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

for God's blessings upon all the clergy of our diocese and their families

7:00 PM Adult Face-to-Face/Zoom Bible Study in the craftroom

WEDNESDAY, February 21st, (Środa)

Memorial of George of Amastris - Bishop President George Washington birthday

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the faithful of the Eastern Diocese and all the faithful of the PNCC who are ill.

12:00 PM Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family in the craft room 6:00 PM Bitter Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) - Part 2

THURSDAY, February 22nd, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Boisil- Abbot, Confessor

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the work and spiritual direction of this cathedral parish of the Eastern Diocese

11:30 PM Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church

FRIDAY, February 23rd, (Piatek)

Memorial of Dositheus - Monk

Today we pray for God's blessings upon all the sub-central organizations and societies of the Eastern Diocese 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Liturgy

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DURING LENT WE ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

THIS CALL TO FAST IS NOT OPTIONAL.

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

SATURDAY, February 24th, (Sobota)

FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS - APOSTLE

Memorial of Praetextatus - Bishop, Martyr

9:00 AM Northeast Seniorate Lenten Retreat (South) hosted by Blessed Trinity
Parish - Fall River, MA - Holy Mass, liturgies, lunch, closing service.
Concludes 1:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th, 2024, (Niedziela Przyszła) SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT DRUGA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

Memorial of Tarasius of Constantinople - Bishop, Confessor

8:30 AM Holy Mass (Note: Time Change) *Father Andrzej Tenus celebrates*Prayer Intention:
open intention

9:45 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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COMING EVENTS

Tue. Feb. 27

- Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
PNCC Bishops' Zoom Meeting - 1:00 PM
Eastern Diocese Youth Commission Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM
Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room
- 7:00 PM

Wed. Feb. 28 - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM
 Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 3 - 6:00 PM
 Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

Thu. Feb. 29 - National Youth Commission Zoom Meeting- 6:30 PM

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attended by the angels (Mark 1:13). Perhaps Jesus also must spend time (forty days) in this ambivalent space to prepare for his ministry.

Just as Jesus needs to prepare before beginning His public ministry, we need to repent for the coming of God's reign (Mark 1:14—15). We see this not only in the words of Jesus but also in the authorities' decision to arrest John the Baptizer and, as 1 Peter 3:18 reminds us, in the experience of Noah and the suffering of Jesus. The passage in 1 Peter 3 continues to remind us of God's patience and love. Although most people refused to respond to Noah's call to repentance, God's salvation still came to Noah's family despite its small number. As the psalmist declares in our passage today, God is good and God's love is steadfast. The question is whether we are willing to learn God's ways.

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God's covenant with Noah in Genesis 9 also shows that God's reign has to do with an affirmation of life that is not limited to human life. The phrase "every living creature" (9:10, 12, 15, 16) and the phrase "every mortal being" (9:15 twice, 16, 17) are each repeated four times in this chapter, not to mention one appearance of "all creatures (9:11). As if these repetitions are not enough, the text further spells out "the birds, and the various tame and wild animals" (9:10; see also 9:2).

- How and why might human conventions and social structures keep us from seeing and participating in the in-breaking of the holy?
- Of what do you need to repent this Lent?
- What would affirmation of all life forms on earth imply?

Practice of Hope

The flood that covered the earth mirrored the evil that had spread across it. Such sin still permeates the earth and can feel overwhelming.

- Reflect on the promise God made to Noah and the earth. What promise can you make back to God? In what specific, concrete ways can you care for the earth and its inhabitants?
- During his time in the desert, Jesus committed Himself to opposing evil in all its forms. Schedule a time to go to confession this week. Acknowledge the ways you have ignored opportunities to make life-giving choices.
- Celebrate God's gift of creation by spending time in nature or learning more about a particular species or ecosystem.

Ouestions

- What clues do today's first reading and responsorial psalm offer about God's justice and mercy?
- How do you interpret the lines in the second reading that refer to the story of Noah? Does Christ only concern Himself with the people of His own time and with future Christians? Why do you think He would preach to sinners from the past?
- Mark gives the briefest account of the temptations in the desert but adds the detail that He was among beasts and angels ministered to Him. Why do you think Jesus had to undergo this time in the desert? How does the desert experience relate to what happens next.

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Activities

- Read the entire story of Noah and the flood, from Genesis 6:5 through today's reading in chapter 9. What connections do you see between the story of Noah and today's Gospel?
- With a friend, family member, or someone in your group, recall the last baptism each of you attended. Compare notes on whether the rite and the use of water made you think of images of the flood. If not, what could have been done to connect the ritual with its Old Testament foreshadowing?
- As you enter Lent, think about the power of temptation in your life and write about it in your journal. When does Satan tempt you? When are you most vulnerable? Create a desert survival kit, listing the prayers, Scriptures, people, and activities that help you most when you feel tempted.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



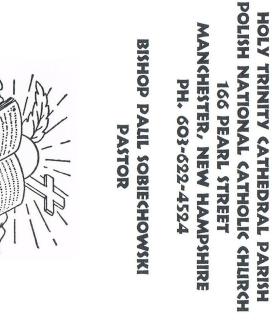
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The Burning of Palms Last Sunday. What Remained Became the Ashes of Ash Wednesday.





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