



**HOLY TRINITY
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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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
TRZECIA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU**

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Scripture Insights

Jesus' cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel is dramatic and violent. After turning over the tables of the moneychangers, He makes a whip to drive out the sheep and the cattle (John 2:15). The animals are there to be sacrificed, and this necessitates money exchange because Jewish people would come to the temple from various parts of the Roman Empire to observe the Passover. Jesus' action is during a high season of the religion and a peak season for the business, so

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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

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 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 25th, 2024 -

We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese, Chocolate Chip Cookies); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs, Danish Butter Cookies); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit); Karen Testerman (Cheese & Crackers); Betty Pasieka (Graham Cracker Coffee Cake); Diane Bielizna (Lindt Chocolates, Banana Chocolate Chip Bread); Karen Sobiechowski (Cranberry-Orange Muffins)..

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



Check out our diocesan website:

www.easterndiocesepncc.com

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

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/>



**Polish National
Catholic Church**

"through the years..."

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

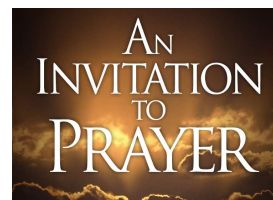
11 - Erin Reilly 12 - Wanda Piotrowski 12 - Wendy Thomas
14 - Joan Blajda 18 - Laurie Greene 19 - David Greene
26 - Valerie Loomis

SOUP FOR SENIORS

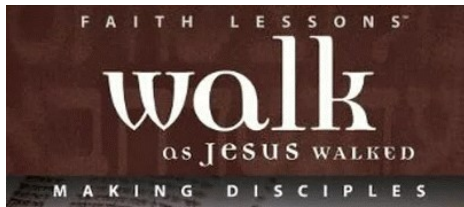
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pints of **Gołabki Soup (Kathy Card)** and two pints of **Clam Chowder (Luke Sobiechowski)** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.



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 announced in a future bulletin.

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. Mark Niznik,
his family and the faithful of
Saint Paul's Parish
Bellevue, Florida
and

Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich,
his family and the faithful of
Holy Cross Parish
Central Falls, 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.



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LECTIONARY READINGS - THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mon. 2 Kings 5: 1 - 15
Luke 4: 24 - 30

Thu. - Jeremiah 7: 23 - 28
Luke 11: 14 - 23

Tue. - Daniel 3: 25, 34 - 43
Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Fri. - Hosea 14: 2 - 10
Mark 12: 28 - 34

Wed. - Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5 - 9
Matthew 5: 17 - 19

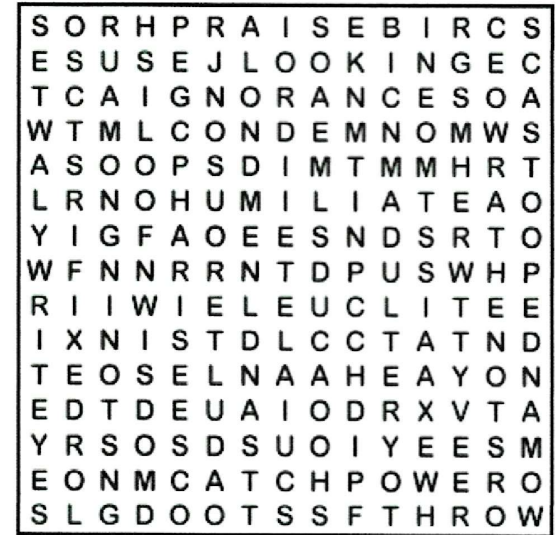
Sat. - Hosea 6: 1 - 6
Luke 18: 9 - 14

Next Sun. (Lent 4) - 2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 17, 19 - 23 / Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4 - 5, 6
Ephesians 2: 4 -105 / John 3: 14 - 21

Bible Word Search: THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

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.

- Accusers Act
- Adulterous Adultery
- All Among
- Cast Catch
- Commanded Condemn
- Death Display
- Execute Eyes
- First Fixed
- Foolish Gentleness
- Glory Her
- Humiliate Ignorance
- Irate Jesus
- Law Looking
- Lord Midst
- Moses Pharisees
- Pointing Power
- Praise Sand Scribes Stone Stoning Stood
- Stooped Throw Wisdom Without Woman Wrath
- Write



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.

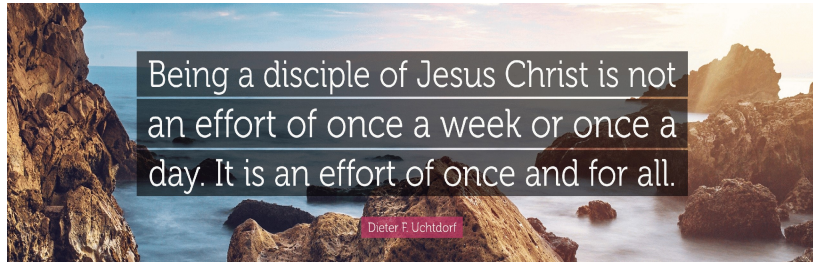
Ray Pieczarka - Parish Committee Chairperson



We would like to express our gratitude to all who reached out to our family before and after Bishop Paul's shoulder replacement surgery. For the cards, phone calls, emails, and texts, for the Edible Arrangement gift from our parish family, the Hannaford gift card from the A.N.S. ... *Bóg zapłać* - May God reward you! Your kindness has been a blessing to us.

Bishop Paul and Karen





Words and Prayer

Two practices that facilitate openness and receptivity to hope in ourselves and others are words of encouragement and the prayer of intercession. A supportive email, a kind word, a handwritten note, a bouquet of flowers, a pat on the back, a post on Facebook, all are practical reminders that one is not alone, that one can count on the support of family and friends. Words and actions of friendship, consolation, and encouragement offer an oasis and sense of community to those who isolate themselves as they bear the weight of disheartenment, desperation, and distress. Knowing that one is being prayed for can open a person's soul to be receptive to hope. More than strong-arming God to get what we want or doing a rain dance long enough to obtain the desired results, the prayer of intercession, like spiritual direction and words of encouragement, is a reminder that the gratuity of grace is never exhausted and never expires. This simple knowledge leaves behind a furrow in the field of the desperate and despairing.

—from the book *Soul Training with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis*
by Albert Haase, OFM



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 Paluszczek	COAST GUARD	



REMEMBER
THOSE
WHO SERVE

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

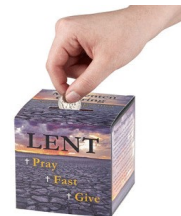
at home:

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



Through the month of 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!



DURING LENT WE ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS. THIS CALL TO FAST IS NOT OPTIONAL.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

DAVID and LAURIE GREENE

in loving memory of our deceased parents and siblings.

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.

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

AUGUST 2024 bulletins will be sponsored by CAROLYN HEBERT

in loving memory of Tillie and Chester Kaminski

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.

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 harlotte and Uncle Matthew Albin

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??

"The most important things
are almost never urgent."

MATTHEW KELLY
Resisting Happiness



MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, March 3rd, 2024 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA WIELKIEGO POSTU

Memorial of Emeterius and Chelidonius - *Martyrs*

Bishop Daniel Cyganowski (d. 1983)

9:00 AM Deacon's Liturgy for the Sunday led by Deacon Justin Daviault

Prayer Intention:

open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

MONDAY, March 4th, (Poniedzialek)

Memorial of Adrian and Companions - *Martyrs*

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

TUESDAY, March 5th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Gerasimus - *Abbot*

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

7:30 AM Moms in Prayers meets in the rectory

7:30 PM HTC Bible Study "in-person" and Zoom in the craft room

WEDNESDAY, March 6th, (Środa)

Memorial of the Baldred and Bilfrid - *Confessors*

sp. Bishop Jan Dawidziuk (sp. 2012)

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

6:00 PM Bitter Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) - Part I

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 7th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Theophylact- *Bishop*

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

11:30 AM Parishioners Praying for our Parish Family in the craft room

FRIDAY, March 8th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Humphrey - *Bishop*

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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MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

SATURDAY, March 9th, (Sobota)

Memorial of Bosa of York - Bishop

Today we pray 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 10th, 2024, (Niedziela Przyszla)

INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC

UROCZYŚCIE USTANOWIENIA PNKK

Memorial of Simplicius of Rome - Bishop

Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

open intention

9:45 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 2023

Mon. Mar 11 - Eastern Diocese Joint Zoom Meeting of the Mission & Evangelism Commission (6:30 PM) and the Strategic Planning Commission - 7:00 PM

Tue. Mar. 12 - Wed, Mar. 13 - Doctrine Commission Meeting - National Church Center - Scranton, PA - Bishop Paul attends via Zoom

Tue. Mar 12 - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

Wed. Mar 13 - *Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family* - 12:00 PM

Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 2 - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

Thu. Mar 14 - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 11:30 AM

Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Adult Zoom Study - "Christian Family" - led by Father Pawel Lukaszewicz - 7:00 PM

Fri. Mar 15 - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM

Sun. Mar 17 - **PASSION SUNDAY**

Holy Mass

Saint Patrick's Day - U.S.A.

Holy Mass - 9:00 AM

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick conferred after Mass this Sunday

Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM

Council 303 P.N.A. Easter Raffle drawing (at Holy Cross Parish - Central Falls, RI

Northeast Seniorate "Meal in the Upper Room" - Blessed Trinity Parish, - Fall River, MA. - 4:00 PM

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COMING EVENTS (continued)

Mon. Mar 18 - National Mission Commission Zoom Meeting

Tue. Mar. 19 - **SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH - SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M.**
Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

Wed. Mar. 20 - **Bishop Anthony Rysz (d. 2015)**
Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family - 12:00 PM

Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations 3 - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - choir loft - 6:30 PM

Thu. Mar. 21 - Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family-Craft Room - 6:30 PM
Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

Fri. Mar 15 - *Stations of the Cross* - 6:00 PM

Sun. Mar. 24 - **PALM SUNDAY**

Holy Mass & Blessing and Distribution of Palms - 9:00 AM

Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM

Frederick Chopin Choir Kielbasa Sale Pick Up Day

Mon. Mar. 25 - **HOLY MONDAY**

Tue. Mar. 26 - **HOLY TUESDAY**

CHRISM MASS - *We host this Diocesan liturgy with all our clergy present and a dinner following* - 4:30 PM

Wed. Mar. 27 - **HOLY WEDNESDAY**

Eastern Diocese Prayer Time offering prayer for the Christian Family - 12:00 PM

TENEBRAE LITURGY - 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM

Thu. Mar. 28 - **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

6:00 PM - **MASS OF HOLY THURSDAY** - *suppression of organ & bells, translation of Eucharist to Altar of Repose, Vespers and stripping of Altar*

Pot Luck Dinner after Mass followed by preparing the sanctuary for Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Fri. Mar 29 - **GOOD FRIDAY**

12:00 PM **LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED**

- Reading of the Passion according to St. John, Adoration of the Cross, translation of the Eucharist to the Altar, Communion, translation of the Eucharist to the second Altar of Repose, Compline

02:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

03:00 PM **SYMBOLIC REPOSITION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

06:00 PM **THREE-FOLD BITTER LAMENTATIONS**

LAMENTATIONS OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH & THE HYMN - GOODNIGHT

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COMING EVENTS (continued)

Sat. Mar. 30 - **HOLY SATURDAY**

03:00 PM **BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

06:00 PM **LITURGY OF BLESSINGS** - *Lighting the New Fire, Blessing the Paschal Candle, Reading of the Exhortations, blessing water, preparing baptismal water, renewal of baptismal vows, asperges, Litany of the Saints*



Sun. Mar. 31 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION - EASTER SUNDAY**

08:00 AM **OPENING OF THE GRAVE, PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH, TE DEUM LAUDAMUS, ADORATION OF THE CROSS, THE "GLORIA" AND THE RESURRECTION MASS.**

Blessing of Easter Baskets follows the Mass

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He is doing this at the worst possible time from the perspective of those in charge.

Jesus causes this commotion because God's house has been turned into a marketplace.

What is supposed to be about faith in and commitment to God becomes a business. It's little wonder that Jesus would not entrust Himself to those who say they believe (John 2:23—25). Although the religious leaders may allow, endorse, or even promote this activity, they cannot defend this malpractice from one who demands true worship.

Jesus is then asked to validate His actions with a sign (John 2:18), which is not a viable basis according to both John and Paul (John 2:23—35; 1 Corinthians 1:22—25). In response, Jesus talks about His upcoming death and resurrection, even though the people who hear His words have trouble understanding what He means (John 2:19—21).

Twice in this passage, John talks about the disciples remembering (John 2:17, 22). They remember a verse from Psalm 69 and realize that Jesus is motivated by His "zeal for [God's] house" (John 2:17; see also Psalm 69:9). This verse in Psalm 69 is surrounded by references to the psalmist's struggles because of enemies seeking to destroy and kill the psalmist (Psalm 69:2—8, 10—21, 29). The zeal that "consume[s]" Jesus (John 2:17), as the following dialogue between Jesus and "the Jews" who oppose Him shows, carries the sense of possession and destruction. ("The Jews" are in quotation marks to signify that opponents of Jesus should not be equated with the Jewish people.)

- In what ways is faith commercialized?
- What memories strengthen your faith today?

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- What conditions do you bring to your encounters with God?

Practice of Faith

By doing things such as temporarily stopping the worship in the Jerusalem temple, Jesus reoriented worship around Himself.

- What in your life do you need Jesus to stop and tear down so that you may worship Him more fully? Pray for the wisdom to see your life as He does.
- Choose one of the Ten Commandments and read more about it. Both the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching bind God's people together so that they will be one in how they pray and live.
- Is there someone in your faith community with whom you are at odds? Could you meet that person in a comfortable venue, honor that person's perspective, and come to some mutual understanding?

Questions

- How do you think Jesus would feel about today's Catholics' attitude toward Sunday rest and keeping the Sabbath holy? Why is this so important and what (besides God's approval) is to be gained from it?
- God's self-description as a "jealous" God (Exodus 20:5) may seem startling. How do you make sense of the assertion that the sins of the fathers are visited on the children of those who hate God for three or four generations, while mercy is given to the children of those who love God and keep the commandments down to the thousandth generation?
- If you were one of the Temple merchants, how do you think you would have reacted to Jesus' actions? What kind of man would you have assumed he was?

Activities

- Meet with your family or a group of friends and decide what two things you can do to change the way you observe the Sabbath. Give each person a role in helping the group to observe the resolutions.
- Think of how God's justice and mercy have been manifested in your life. Make lists of your experiences of God's justice and

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mercy. Meditate on the list and write down what you've learned from each of the experiences.

- As you consider the commandments, which do you find hardest to observe? Spend some time praying about that difficulty, then decide on a specific activity that will help you better live the commandment in your life.



Our Ladies A.N.S. will be holding a **“Spring Garden Raffle”** on **Sunday, May 12th** during the Mother’s Day Brunch sponsored by our Frederick Chopin Parish Choir.

A.N.S. members have tickets for sale at **\$2 each, three for \$5, or 10 for \$7,**

First Prize is a basket filled with gardening essentials.

Second Prize is a \$25 Home Depot gift certificate.

Third prize is a Scratch Off ticket with a plant in a decorative container.

All proceeds from the raffle help the ladies in the care they provide for the cathedral sanctuary and its appointments. Our ladies thank you in advance for your support!

March 2024

Join us in prayer each Wednesday at noon:



Heavenly Father, as a family united in the Eucharist, we entrust to Your loving care and correction the members of our families, both near and far. Supply their needs, guide their steps, keep them safe in body and soul; and may Your peace rest upon us always. Through

Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

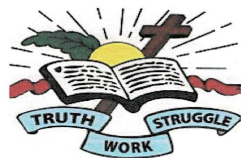
(From the Liturgy for the PNCC Solemnity of the Christian Family)

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.

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