



**HOLY TRINITY
CATHEDRAL
PARISH
POLISH NATIONAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise announced)

Sunday : Holy Mass 9:00 AM In the English language

Daily : Morning Prayer ... 8:45 AM

Holy Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions: Second Sunday of the Month 8:15 AM

Marriage: 6 months prior arrangement

Baptisms : by appointment

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March 10, 2024

**INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC
UROCZYŚĆ USTANOWIENIA PNKK**

adapted from: Solemnities of the Polish National Catholic Church
- S.O.C.L. Teachers Manual, 2006, Scranton, PA.

The Church is the Body of Christ, with Christ as the head and all baptized people as Her members. The Church is a community of people who practice what Christ taught us, so that we can receive salvation. It is people who believe in Jesus Christ and His teachings. These people are baptized and joined together because of what they believe. The part of the Catholic Church to which we belong is the Polish National Catholic Church. Our Church was organized on March 14, 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania by Father Francis Hodur and a group of Polish people.

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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.

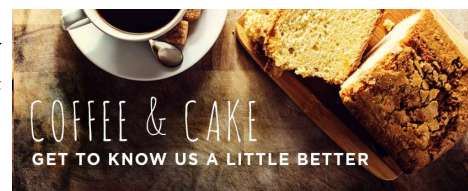
IN BISHOP'S ABSENCE AND FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES ONLY,
PLEASE CALL FATHER ANDRZEJ TENUS OF ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH IN
LOWELL, MA. PH. # (978) 453-0742

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.

https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163_09763482_9189857

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 - We thank the following who provided for our Cake and Coffee Reception last Sunday: Jennie Grenier (Bagels and Cream Cheese, Apple Cinnamon Bread); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs, Danish Butter Cookies); Wendy Thomas (Fresh Fruit); Betty Pasicka (Rhubarb Coffee Cake).



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

Check out our diocesan website:

www.easterndioocesepncc.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

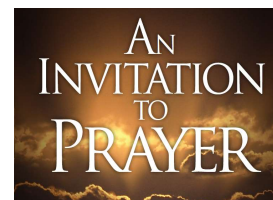
11 - Erin Reilly 12 - Wanda Piotrowski 12 - Wendy Thomas
14 - Joan Blajda 18 - Laurie Greene 19 - David Greene
26 - Valerie Loomis

SOUP FOR SENIORS

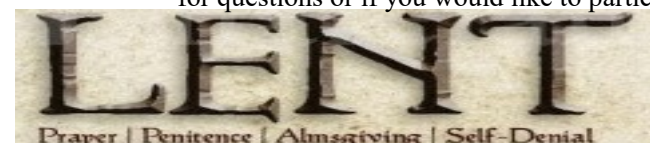
Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to eight pints of **Broccoli & Potato Soup (Karen Sobiechowski)** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. We hope it was both pleasing and delicious.

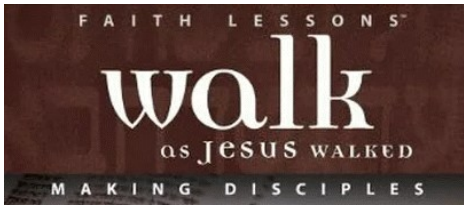


What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?



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 will be on **Tuesday, March 19th.**

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:

Rt. Rev. John Mack,
Rev. Nadeem Yaqoob,
Rev. Joseph Pasquella,
 their families and the faithful of
Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish
Lancaster, New York
 and
Rev. Dr. Henryk Wos,
 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 - FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Mon. - Isaiah 65:17 - 21 John 4: 43 - 54	Thu. - Exodus 32: 7 - 14 John 5: 31 - 47
Tue. - Ezekiel 47: 1 - 9, 12 John 5: 1 - 3, 15 - 16	Fri. - Wisdom 2: 1, 12 - 22 John 7: 1 - 2, 10, 25 - 30
Wed. - Isaiah 49: 8 - 15 John 5: 17 - 30	Sat. - Jeremiah 11: 18 - 20 John 7: 40 - 53

Next Sun. (Passion) Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34 / Psalm 51: 3 - 4, 12 - 13, 14 - 15
 Hebrews 5: 7 - 9 / John 12: 20 - 33



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.

Bible Word Search:

THE HOLY ROSARY

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.

- Agony In Garden
- Annunciation
- Assumption
- Birth of Jesus
- Coronation
- Glorious
- Luminous
- Monday
- Peace
- Presentation
- Proclaim Kingdom
- Saturday
- Transfiguration
- Wedding At Cana
- Apostles Creed
- Baptism Of Jesus
- Carrying Cross
- Decades
- Joyful
- Mercy
- Our Father
- Prayer
- Sunday
- Visitation



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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!

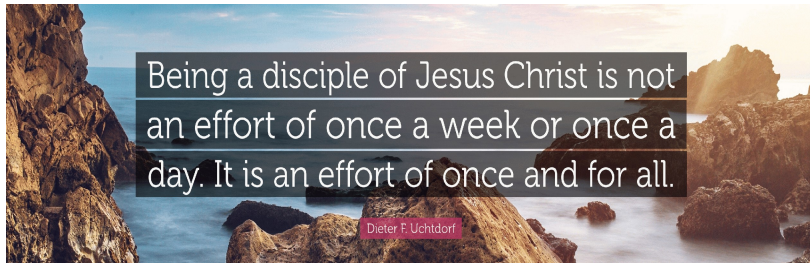
Thank you.

Ray Pieczarka - Parish Committee Chairperson



DURING LENT WE ABSTAIN FROM MEAT ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

THIS CALL TO FAST IS NOT OPTIONAL.



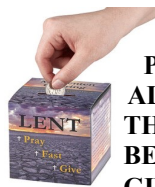
Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not an effort of once a week or once a day. It is an effort of once and for all.

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Prayer Requires Humility

Prayer that leads to the beauty of the image within is difficult for it requires honesty and humility. It requires freedom from expectations, projections, false hopes and self-centeredness. It means to be able to say, I am who I am with my strengths and weaknesses, gifts and failings. In one of his Admonitions Francis wrote, “what a person is before God, that he is and no more.” For Francis, humility and self-knowledge belong together. When we can accept our “thisness” then we are free to breathe in the love of God and can go out to embrace God in the other. Prayer, therefore, requires an honest encounter with God, a turning of the mind and heart to God. When we fail in this honesty we diminish ourselves because we fail to allow the fullness of God’s Spirit to move within us and thus we fail to come to our authentic selves in God.

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



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!

Clergy serving in the United States Army

- COL. Father Andrew Bilinski
- LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski
- CPT. Father Joseph Kolek
- CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus



REMEMBER
THOSE
WHO SERVE

Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MSG. Aleka Ramoutar | ARMY |
| Major. Scott M. Krasko | ARMY |
| SSGT. Nick Hudak | AIR FORCE RESERVE |
| 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 |

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



March 2024

Join us in prayer each Wednesday at noon:

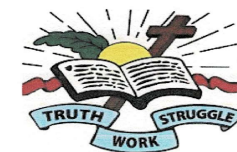


Heavenly Father, as a family united in the Eucharist, we entrust to Your loving care and correction the members of our families, both near and far. Supply their needs, guide their steps, keep them safe in body and soul; and may Your peace rest upon us always. Through

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.

Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



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 Charlotte and Uncle Matthew Albin

And future bulletins will be sponsored by WHOM??



“God wants us to live holy lives,
grow in character and virtue,
and become the best-version-
of-ourselves.”

MATTHEW KELLY
The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, March 10th, 2024 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

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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

MONDAY, March 11th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Aengus the Hagiographer - Bishop

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

* sp. Bruno & Nellie Zygadlo, Andrzej & Katarzyna Zygadlo, Stanislaw & Jozefa Zygadlo, Roman & Kasia Zygadlo, Linda & Walerian Zygadlo, Stanislaw Zygadlo, Jendrzej & Helena Gorczyca, Bronislawa & Franciszek Gorczyca, Madeline Gorczyca, Stanislaw & Maria Palica, Marcin Palica, Jozef & Zuzanna Palica, Antoni & Kazimiera Szot, Kazimierz & Barbara Szot, Stanislaw & Roman & Ryszard, Marcin & Henryk Szot, Franciszek, Rozalia, Ignac, Jozef, Tadeusz, Zuzanna Mazur, Peter Gingras, Zygmunt and Leokadia Szukiewicz, Pawel and Andrzej Szukiewicz, and all deceased members of the Zygadlo, Gorczyca, Zawacki, Gingres, Palica, Szot, Janik, Mazur and Szukiewicz families requested by Bill and Stasia Zygadlo

6:30 PM Eastern Diocese Joint Zoom Meeting of the Mission & Evangelism Commission and the Strategic Planning Commission

TUESDAY, March 12th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Peter, Gorgonius and Dorotheus - Martyrs

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meet in the rectory

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

WEDNESDAY, March 13th, (Środa)

Memorial of the Euphrasia - Virgin



8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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 II

6:30 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 14th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Leobinus - Bishop

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

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

7:00 PM Eastern Diocese Zoom "Know Your Faith, Grow in Christ" led by Father Pawel Lukaszewicz - "Christian Family"

FRIDAY, March 15th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Lucretia of Cordoba - Virgin, 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

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Liturgy

SATURDAY, March 16th, (Sobota)

Memorial of Eusebia - Abbess

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

For God's blessings upon all the Youth of our Eastern Diocese that the gifts of the Holy Spirit would be lavished upon them, producing he many fruits of the same Holy Spirit.

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MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued)

NEXT SUNDAY, March 17th, 2024, (Niedziela Przyszła)

PASSION SUNDAY

NIEDZIELA MĘKI PAŃSKIEJ

Memorial of Paul of Cyprus - Confessor

Saint Patrick's Day

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

9:00 AM Holy Mass & Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Prayer Intention:

open intention

9:45 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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

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

COMING EVENTS

MARCH 2023

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 - 6:30PM

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

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COMING EVENTS (continued)

- 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
- 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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More than 100 years ago many thousands of Polish people came to the United States because they wanted a better life, freedom and the opportunity to develop their talents. When these Polish immigrants arrived in America, they continued their Catholic faith and traditions that they brought with them.

Being an immigrant was difficult, but they found jobs in their new country. They worked hard to provide for themselves and their families, as well as to support the Church. They even built new churches where they could worship God with their families and their friends. Many European immigrants were unhappy with the way they were being treated by the clergy. This was the situation in the south side of Scranton, Pennsylvania. When difficulties developed and problems were not resolved between the people and their priests and

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bishop, the group of people in Scranton began constructing a new church building. They would name it St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, Church. When the bishop would not support their efforts and refused to bless their new church, they asked Father Francis Hodur to be their pastor and leader.

As Father Hodur and these people began praying and working together, they developed the National Church Program. This program set forth their vision not only for their parish, but also for spiritually aggrieved immigrants in other cities. The National Church Program contained four points:

1. Legal ownership of church properties by the people
2. Parish governance in secular matters by parish committees elected by the parishioners
3. Appointment to pastorates of priests approved by parishioners
4. Appointment of Polish Bishops in America by Rome with input by clergy and laity

Father Hodur realized the importance of the printed word to communicate the National Church Program and other related ideals and principles to members of the church and others who could benefit from them. Therefore, the Straz - The Guard newspaper was created in 1897 as a publication of St. Stanislaus Church and was used as a missionary tool.

In the next few years new parishes were organized in various parts of the United States. In 1904 Father Hodur called a synod for this emerging religious movement. A synod is a convention of both clergy and lay delegates from affiliated parishes; the delegates make decisions and set policy for the Church. At the First Synod in 1904 the delegates officially organized the PNCC; a Church constitution was adopted that set forth the administration of parishes; the Straz became the official newspaper of the PNCC; Father Hodur was elected a Bishop; and a decisive break was made with the Roman Catholic Church.

The PNCC is not a new Church; it is an integral part of the Church founded by Jesus Christ Himself in Jerusalem. Therefore, our Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, yet democratic as well. (An explanation of One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church is given in the First Holy Communion Catechism and Workbook).

Father Hodur was consecrated a Bishop at St. Gertrude's Cathedral in Utrecht, Holland on September 29, 1907 by bishops of the Old Catholic Church. This consecration gave Bishop Hodur and the PNCC Apostolic Succession and valid, indisputable Orders of the

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Priesthood.

At the Third General Synod of the PNCC in 1914 Bishop Hodur, with the clergy and lay delegates, established the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. This synod determined that it would be celebrated on the second Sunday of March each year.

The Church continued to grow and expand in various parts of the United States, especially where large communities of Polish immigrants had settled. There were also Lithuanian, Slovak, Czech and Italian parishes that were organized and became part of the PNCC. The mission of the Church was also extended into Canada as well as Poland with the establishment of parishes in both of those countries. With the expansion of the PNCC it became necessary for additional bishops to be elected and consecrated. Therefore, in 1924 four new bishops were consecrated for the Church and dioceses were established.

Today as we commemorate the Institution of the PNCC, we give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His many blessings in the past. We also cherish the democratic Catholic Church given to us by our ancestors in the faith. This occasion gives us the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through our beloved PNCC.

As Polish National Catholics we are reminded that we have certain duties as members of the Church. Those duties are:

- To accept and obey what Christ taught us.
- To give glory to God by leading a good life.
- To support the work of the Church.
- To help bring others into the Church.



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.

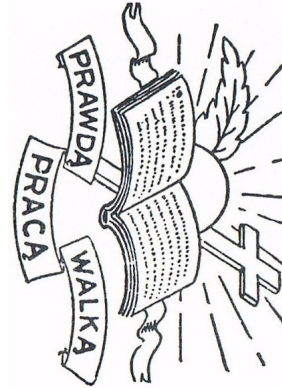
A.N.S. members have tickets for sale at **\$2 each, three for \$5, or 10 for \$7,**

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!



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