

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 166 Pearl Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03104 http://www.holytrinitypncc.org/

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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 ORDINARY TIME TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

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Luke knew the power of words. Only in Luke's Gospel can one find parables such as the prodigal son or the good Samaritan. Luke also relates Jesus' words of challenge to disciples such as Martha, good people who had let their concerns come before divine teaching. Even Luke's resurrection accounts portray Jesus as a preacher and teacher (Luke 24:6-8; 25-27; 44-47). In Luke's mind, Jesus' primary role as Messiah was to transform humanity through His message.

This is the context for today's Gospel reading. A sense of

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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

Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Manchester and Southern New Hampshire community for 109 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrant community, and later for all residents of the Granite State. We hope to continue our growth in service to God and community. This commitment manifests itself in a regular devotional and prayer life and a greater participation in both ecumenical and community activities.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral PARISH, our primary emphasis is on the PARISH family. All who belong sense this family spirit - expressed in a real love and concern for one another. Our pastor makes a point to know each family on a one-to-one basis with frequent visits to family homes and to the hospitalized. Thus the spiritual health and vitality of all parishioners and all our friends is supported by both pastor and laity.

We invite You to join our PARISH family! If you are looking for a PARISH and are considering Holy Trinity, feel free to talk with any parishioner about it. We will introduce you to our family in all its wonderful aspects - a family whose real strength lies in our personal and real relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We express this faith in our Church through our liturgy which is Catholic and traditional, shared between priest and laity. We demonstrate this faith in the prayerful material and emotional support we give one another. We share this faith in a Church rooted in Democratic principles, having a church constitution that gives laity full rights and due process in matters financial, administrative and material.OUR PARISH...firm in faith, Catholic, democratic, and OPEN to the growth that comes as more join our family.

MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Parish Committee Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM **The Cemetery Committee** meets as needed

Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Collectors ministries as announced in the bulletin

Moms in Prayer meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the rectory Membership and Outreach Team meets as announced in the bulletin Ladies Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament meets the

3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass (September - June)

The Frederick Chopin Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM and holds meetings as announced

Adult Bible Study - Bi-weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM Zoom & In Person Parishioners Prayer Group - Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Craft Room

EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to increase attendance and membership to Holy Trinity Cathedral by fostering a welcoming and respectful environment, where individuals and families can explore and achieve spiritual fulfillment.

We are looking for ideas, any ideas, that can stimulate and increase participation in both the worship and parochial life of Holy Trinity Parish. Is there something you have seen, or experienced in another Church that you think might work well here? Have you had an idea for some time, but were afraid to share it? If you have an idea, no matter what it may be, please pray over it and then share it with either:

Mr. Ray Pieczarka 603-472-5874 or Bishop Paul 603-622-4524.

WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

You are most welcome and your presence is appreciated. All are invited to share in worship and, after Mass, our fellowship. If the people around you fail to say "hello" first, go up to them and say "Hi!" And don't feel awkward. We've all been in those shoes at one time or another. We want you to join us. So Welcome Home!



HTC Membership and Outreach Team Is Inviting YOU Join in an outreach

Our Parish Evangelism Team has reorganized. Known as the "Membership and Outreach" Team, our hope is that a number of our parishioners would like to be a part of an exciting opportunity to help develop programs and liturgies that will spread the Word to others outside our community, and also engage in Internal Evangelism within our parish family.

If **YOU** are interested in reaching out to others for the Lord you are invited to contact either Ray Pieczarka at (603) 472-5874 or Bishop Paul at 622-4524.

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

SAINT COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

We invite our readers to continue reading the history of the lives of the saints that are remembered by the Church this week. Follow the hyperlink below to learn to learn about those saints remembered by the Church this week.

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Sunday, January 19th - We thank the following who provided for our Cake & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Bagels & Cream Cheese); Wendy Thomas (Fruit Bowl); Betty



Pasieka (Pumpkin Muffins, Cranberry Apple Coffee Cake); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Joanne Palys (Blueberry Tea Bread); Nancy Beaurivage (Winter Mild Spice Bread); HTC Bakers (Assorted Pastries).

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

Check out our diocesan website: <u>www.easterndiocesepncc.com</u> 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/

SOUP FOR SENIORS

Sunday, January 19th - Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to nine pint containers of *White Bean and Sausage Soup* through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. *Cindy Hebert* prepared the delightful meal for our seniors to take home.



What delicious treat will our seniors enjoy this Sunday?

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 - Ray Pieczarka 01 - Amanda Thomas 01 - Wes Tazbir 01 - Brian Duplessis 10 - Cynthia Hebert 18 - Shelley Grzywacz 20 - Jacqueline Carson Swiadas 26 - Lynn Hebert 29 - Megan Grzywacz 30 - James Morin



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 on TUESDAY, February 4th at 7:00 PM.

Studies generally last one hour to one and one half hours. If you want to join in the

study in person, simply show up. If you join in on Zoom you'll need to ask Bishop Paul for the Zoom link. Study sheets will be sent to all our HTC internet family prior to the study.

TODAY we ask our parish family to pray for:

Father Jarosław Nowak, his family and the faithful of Resurrection Parish, Temperance, Michigan and for Father Adam Piekarzewski, his family and the faithful of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, Connecticut.



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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 THE THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Mon Hebrews 9: 15, 24 - 28	Thu. - Hebrews 10: 19 - 25				
Mark 3: 22 - 30	Mark 4: 21 - 25				
Tue. - Hebrews 10: 1 - 10	Fri Hebrews 10: 32 - 39				
Mark 3: 31 - 35	Mark 4: 26 - 34				
Wed Hebrews 10: 11 - 18	Sat Hebrews 11: 1 - 2, 8 - 19				
Mark 4: 1 - 20	Mark 4: 35 - 41				
Next Sun Malachi 3: 1 - 4 / Psalm 24: 7, 8, 9, 10 Hebrews 2: 14 - 18 / Luke 2: 22 - 40					

Bible Word Search:

2 KINGS

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.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Recuperating

at Home

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, M. 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

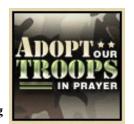
at home:

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

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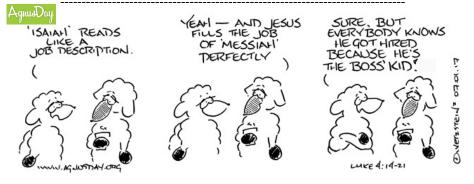
Clergy serving in the United States Army

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 NATION	AL GUARD
Tyler Gardner	NAVY	
Ian and Cody Gonyea	NAVY	
Matthew Paluszek	COAST GUARD	
Zack Richard	ARMY	
Specialist David I. Testerman	NH National Guard	
Lt. JG Dean Testerman	NAVY	



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The 2025 Contribution Envelopes have arrived and are now available for pickup in the Auditorium.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by: CAROLYN HEBERT in loving memory of Joan Kaminski. 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. FEBRUARY 2025 bulletins will be sponsored by CHARLOTTE AND EDWARD RACZKA in loving memory of Ann and Walter Makara 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 ?



The Greater Manchester Clergy Association will once again sponsor the *Souper Bowl Food collection*, the weekend of Feb. 8-9, 2025. Our cathedral parish will join neighboring congregations in this effort to benefit the Families in Transition Food Pantry. **Canned** goods can be brought to the cathedral from January 1 to February 9 (canned soup

preferred). The winning congregation will receive a lovely fruit bowl for sharing with one another (perhaps during cake and coffee).

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

* Indicates All Souls Day Offering

THIS SUNDAY, January 26th, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza) THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Memorial of Polycarp of Smyrna - *Bishop, Martyr MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY*

MUSIC SCHULAKSHIP

9:00 AM Holy Mass Prayer Intention:

open intention10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium10:45 AM HTC Annual Parish Meeting & Election to parish offices

MONDAY, January 27th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of John Chrysostom - Bishop, Doctor

8:45 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Holy Mass Prayer Intention: for God's blessings upon all the parishes of the Eastern Diocese

TUESDAY, January 28th, (Wtorek)

Memorial of John Reomay - Abbot

 $7{:}30 \text{ AM}$ Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:

 sp. Ann Sobiechowski (birthday) requested by Bishop Paul & Karen for God's blessings upon all the clergy of the Eastern Diocese and their families
 A DVCC Bishons' Zeom meeting

1:00 AM PNCC Bishops' Zoom meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 29th, 2025 (Środa)

Memorial of Francis de Sales - Bishop

10:00 AM Holy Mass

11:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

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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Bishop Paul will be available to bless your home in the Epiphany tradition. Those wishing to have their homes blessed should fill out the form provided in today's bulletin and on the tables in the cathedral January 6 through February 2.

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (continued))

THURSDAY, January 30th, (Czwartek)

Memorial of Bathildis - *Widow* 8:45 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Holy Mass 11;30 AM Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family

FRIDAY, January 31st, (Piatek)

Memorial of Cyrus and John - Martyrs 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 1st, (Sobota)

Memorial of Ignatius of Antioch - Bishop, Martyr sp. Bishop Valentine Gawrychowski - 02-01-1934

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 the many fruits of the same Holy Spirit

NEXT SUNDAY, February 2nd, (Niedziela Przyszła)

SOLEMNITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD UROCYSTOŚĆ OFIAROWANIA PAŃSKIEGO SCOUT SUNDAY - U.S.A.

9:00 AM Holy Mass with blessing of candles, throats, and scouts, scouters Prayer Intention: open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

11:00 AM Bishop Paul will also celebrate Holy Mass at St. Casimir Parish, Lowell, MA

Thu. Jan. 30 - Sat. Feb 1 - Union of Scranton Theological Conference - Mainz, Germany

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expectation pervades the narrative. Although the offcial Judaism of Jesus' day did not speak of a messiah, a hope for such a savior was common in popular religion. Some expected a new Moses, who would lead Israel in fulfilling God's Law (Deuteronomy 18:15). Some

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expected a king (Ezekiel 34:22–24). Still others expected a skilled warrior with supernatural power (Daniel 7:13-14). The synagogue congregation had heard of Jesus' mighty deeds elsewhere and came to see if He might fulfill their expectations.

They found a man with a message. God did not need warriors or lawgivers or kings, because the kingdom was already established. If people did not see it, that was because the anxieties of everyday life crowded out any awareness of it. They needed someone to reveal it to them. Freedom began the day they believed that God had acted to restore humanity's freedom, wholeness, hope, and joy. Jesus' message was simply to inspire faith that divine promises were now being fulfilled.

It was the right word at the right moment. People believed in Jesus, and their hope in a new and different world helped them find evidence of the kingdom everywhere. His disciples today must do the same, sharing our joy and freedom in such ways that all can come to believe that "Today the Scriptures are fulfilled in your hearing."

- Has anyone ever changed your life with the right word at the right moment?
- Has a text of Scripture ever affected your life deeply?
- What Gospel message might you be able share that will fill someone else with hope?

Practice of Faith

The first reading from Nehemiah recounts the remarkable day five hundred years before the birth of Christ when Ezra read the book of the law (the *Torah*) to all of Jerusalem. The people, having just returned from their long exile, wept with gratitude as the Word of God washed over them

- Deepen your appreciation for the Word of God by exchanging insights with others in regular Bible study. This resource is a great start. Another resource to explore is the popular podcast "The Bible in a Year," with Fr. Mike Schmitz (ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).
- The passage Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in His home synagogue is sometimes described his mission statement. Prayerfully reflect on the words Jesus proclaimed from the scroll and consider how He fulfilled them.
- The Church celebrates the Memorial of St. John Bosco this week on January 31. In the spirit of John Bosco, patron saint of *Continued on Page 12*

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children, make a gift to or offer to assist a local agency dedicated to the care of underserved children.

Questions

- Try to imagine the assembly at your church in the scene described in the first reading: men, women, and children gathered together, watching as the scroll is unrolled, answering "Amen, amen," and then weeping as the words are proclaimed. In what ways does your parish help people to love and understand the Word of God?
- In a church, in a household, in a community, many gifts are needed. When have you experienced a group whose members appreciated each other's gifts and functioned in the harmonious way Paul describes? How could Paul's explanation help?
- When you listen to the proclamation of the Gospel, what helps you listen attentively and actively? What helps you hear God's voice in the proclamation?

Family Activities

- On January 28 we celebrate the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the doctors of the Church, and acclaimed as one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. His contributions to our tradition include three hymns and the sequence for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Use a hymnal or the internet to find Aquinas' hymns "Panis Angelicus," "O Salutaris Hostia," and "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum" to guide you in reflecting on the Eucharist.
- Imagine that you are in the synagogue in Nazareth as Jesus is proclaiming the reading from the prophet Isaiah—the scene described in today's Gospel. Close your eyes and think how the Lord might have looked, how his voice sounded, and what it was like to experience the silence when he finished and the eyes of everyone were looking intently at him. Journal about this exercise and think of it the next time you hear the Gospel proclaimed at Sunday Mass, for it is truly Christ who speaks when the Gospel is proclaimed.
- Use today's responsorial psalm (Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15) as a prayer during the week and try memorizing the refrain so that you can repeat it and meditate on it daily: "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

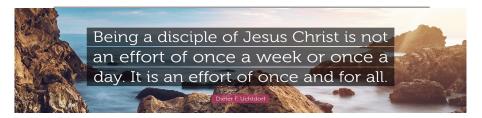
COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2025

Sun. Feb. 2	- SOLEMNITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD SCOUT SUNDAY - U.S.A.
	Holy Mass & Blessing of Candles, Throats and Scouts - 9:00 AM Bishop Paul will also celebrate Holy Mass at St. Casimir Parish,
	Lowell, MA
Tue. Feb. 4	- Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
	Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room
	- 7:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 5	- Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and
	general church - 12:00 PM
Thu Eah 6	 Parish Choir Meeting and Rehearsal - 6:30 PM Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 11:30PM
Thu. Feb. 6	- Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 11:30PM Greater Manchester Clergy Association Meeting (<i>Bishop Paul</i>
	attends)
Sun. Feb. 9	- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
	Souper Bowl food collection for Families in Transition ends
	Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
	Bishop Paul will also celebrate Holy Mass at St. Casimir Parish,
Mon. Feb. 10	Lowell, MA
Mon. Feb. 10	- P.N.A. Council 303 Zoom Meeting - 7:00 PM
Tue, Feb. 11	- Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
Wed. Feb. 12	
	Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese
	and general church - 12:00 PM
	Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
Thu. Feb. 13	- Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 6:30 PM
Fri. Feb. 14	Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - Valentine's Day - U.S.A.
Sun. Feb. 16	- Valentine's Day - U.S.A. - SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY
Sun. 105. 10	Holy Mass - 9:00 AM
	sp. First Prime Bishop Francis Hodur - 02-16-1953
	Parish Alms Collection for local community organization
	begins
	Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
M D1 17	Ladies A.N.S. Meeting in the Craft Room - 10:45 AM
Mon. Feb. 17 Tue. Feb. 18	 Presidents Day Federal Holiday Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM
Tue. red. 18	Adult Face-to-Face / Zoom Bible Study in the Craft Room
	- 7:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 19	- Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and
	general church - 12:00
	Parish Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM
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- Thu. Feb. 20 Union of Scranton Theological Commission Zoom- 10:00 AM Parishioners Pray for the Parish Family craft room - 6:30 PM Parish Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Fri. Feb. 21 - President George Washington Birthday
- Sun. Feb. 23 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY Holy Mass - 9:00 AM Cake & Coffee Reception (auditorium) - 10:15 AM
- Mon. Feb. 24 FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS APOSTLE
- **Tue. Feb. 25 Wed. Feb. 26 -** Anglican G-3 / PNCC Dialogue Meeting at St. Barnabas Cathedral, Dunwoody, GA (bishop Paul attends)
- 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



Prayer Shines a Light

In its fullness, prayer is an encounter with God that transforms the way we see and interact with the world. It is like a bright light that reveals what we otherwise do not see: When we wear glasses or look through a window away from the light, we can believe that the glass is perfectly clean. But turn our perspective and hold it up to the light, all of a sudden we are able to see smudges, scratches, and cracks that have been there all along but completely hidden to our normal consciousness. That is the effect that an encounter with God can have on our lives. When we stop for a moment the desire to convince God to give us what we want and simply encounter God—to aim our full attention at the light itself rather than using it to see what we want—our focus becomes clear. All of a sudden, we see ourselves and the world the way God does… and for the first time know that things are not the way that they should be. Something needs to change. Often, that something is us.

 from the book Called: What Happens after Saying Yes to God by Casey Cole, OFM, page 48

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January 2025 - Join us in praying each Wednesday at 12 Noon:



O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who said: "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;" give, we ask You, the grace of Your most divine love, that with all our hearts, words and works we may love You and never cease to praise You. May we revere and love Your Holy Name for You never fail to govern those whom You establish in Your love. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

(prayer adapted from the Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus, 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.



Eastern Diocese PNCC Mission and Evangelism Commission



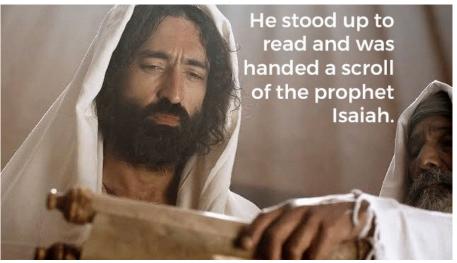
DISCIPLESHIP 2025: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST The Eastern Diocese will focus on The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission. Please join us for the second in a series of virtual "Know and Grow" presentations on Thursday February 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).



Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., will help us to explore the topic, Jesus: Fully Human and Fully Divine Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact <u>revpauls@yahoo.com</u> or <u>ksobiechowski@yahoo.com</u>

~ Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me" is a phrase used by Jesus to declare that He was the promised Messiah fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. It signifies that Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, began His public ministry. The phrase is also found in the Old Testament, where it is used to describe the anointing of a prophet.

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NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY January 26, 2025

Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name: make His praise glorious – Psalm 66: 1,2

Dear Pastor/Organist,

The last Sunday of January has been set aside by Synodal resolution as Music Scholarship Sunday, during which a special collection for the Scholarship Program is to be taken. This Sunday puts special emphasis on the Music Scholarship program of the National United Choirs. It is the Sunday when our choirs, organists, and directors should be recognized for their contributions to the music ministry of our parishes. It is also the Sunday when we look to the future to identify those that we hope will be part of the music ministry in our PNCC. We encourage you to recognize your aspiring musicians in some manner on this Scholarship Sunday.

The Music Scholarship Program has a number of endowments and awards that are available to members of the PNCC, whether it is via instrument or voice, regardless of age. Our web site, <u>www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com</u> is designed for one to learn about the program – its history, awards, and latest winners. Downloads for the 2025 application processes are also available on this site.

Financial support from the faithful of the PNCC has enabled us to grant awards annually to deserving applicants and we offer our sincere "thanks" for what has previously been donated to the Music Scholarship Fund. Since 1966 the Scholarship Program has awarded 1145 members of the PNCC a financial incentive to continue pursuing their musical studies. To date we have awarded \$358,085! It is a rewarding feeling to know that several of the original music scholarship recipients are still active in the music ministry of the PNCC –many decades later! Indeed the program has succeeded!

Enclosed are two posters for Music Scholarship Sunday for display in your parish facility. Also included are donation forms to be used year-round for individual contributions or memorial gifts. We hope you will acknowledge Music Scholarship Sunday in your parish and encourage applicants for the program. Any collected funds should be submitted to your Diocesan Treasurer without delay so your donations can be included in the 2025 scholarships. May God bless you and our PNCC!

Sincerely in Christ, Cathy A. Buhaki Cathy A. Bilinski, Music Scholarship Administrator nucscholarship@gmail.com



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