



**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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G L O S

January 19, 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
DRUGA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA**

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Americans, many of whom treat wine as a luxury that only adults enjoy, often forget that wine has been a staple foodstuff for millennia. This is especially true for peoples of the Mediterranean basin, of whom Jesus was one. Wine was an important source of calories and potable fluid. It also provided certain trace nutrients difficult to find elsewhere. Because it was easy to produce and, in the era before refrigeration, store in large quantities, it would have been the most abundant thing at any celebration. To run out of wine was to run out of food.

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WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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

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

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

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

MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Parish Committee Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

The Cemetery Committee meets as needed

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

Moms in Prayer meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the rectory

Membership and Outreach Team meets as announced in the bulletin

Ladies Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass (September - June)

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

Adult Bible Study - Bi-weekly Wednesdays 7:00 PM Zoom & In Person

Parishioners Prayer Group - Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Craft Room

EVANGELISM TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

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



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

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

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

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

SAINT COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

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

https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D0314163_059_806768540

Sunday, January 12th - We thank the following who provided for our Cake & Coffee reception: Jennie Grenier (Bagels & Cream Cheese, Cheese & Crackers); Wendy Thomas

(Fruit Bowl, Reindeer Drops, Chocolate Chip Reeses Cups, Blueberry Mini Muffins); Betty Pasioka (Vanilla Pound Cake); Kathy Card (Deviled Eggs); Karen Sobiechowski (Apricot Oat Squares).

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.



**Polish National
Catholic Church**

"through the years..."

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 12th - Last week the Seniors who stayed for the Cake and Coffee reception were treated to ten pint containers of **Golabki Soup** through the Soup for Seniors Program sponsored by our HTC Frederick Chopin Choir. **Kathy Card** 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 Swiadak	26 - Lynn Hebert	29 - Megan Grzywacz
30 - James Morin		

The Parochial Calendar for January 2025 is missing the **Annual Parish Meeting** and election of parish officers which will occur after Holy Mass and the Cake & Coffee and More reception on **January 26th**. It will be a "Face to Face / Zoom meeting. Please mark your calendars. I apologize for the omission.

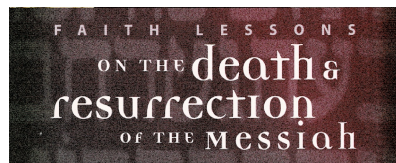
Bishop Paul



Parishioners are praying jointly for our parish family. You are invited to join them. Prayer gatherings are held Thursdays at 11:30 AM, but can be adjusted if you are interested! Time commitment is about 45 minutes a week. The prayer time is structured and Scripture-based. No advance preparation required. You only need to show up. Contact Karen Sobiechowski for questions or if you would like to participate.

OUR PARISH ADULT BIBLE STUDY is a Zoom & face to face study in the Craft Room. The next scheduled study will be this **TUESDAY, January 21st 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 Henry Galas,
his family and the faithful of
Our Savior Parish,
Dearborn Heights, Michigan
and for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski,**
his family and the faithful of
Saint Casimir Parish,
Wallingford, 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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Mon. - Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 2: 18 - 22	Thu. - Hebrews 7: 25 - 8 - 6 Mark 3: 7 - 12
Tue. - Hebrews 6: 10 - 20 Mark 2: 23 - 28	Fri. - Hebrews 8: 6 - 13 Mark 3: 13 - 19
Wed. - Hebrews 7: 1 - 3, 15 - 17 Mark 3: 1 - 6	Sat. - Hebrews 9: 2 - 3, 11 - 14 Mark 3: 20 - 21
Next Sun. - Nehemiah 8: 2 - 4, 5 - 6, 8 - 10 / Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 30 / Luke 1: 1-4, ; 4: 14 - 21	

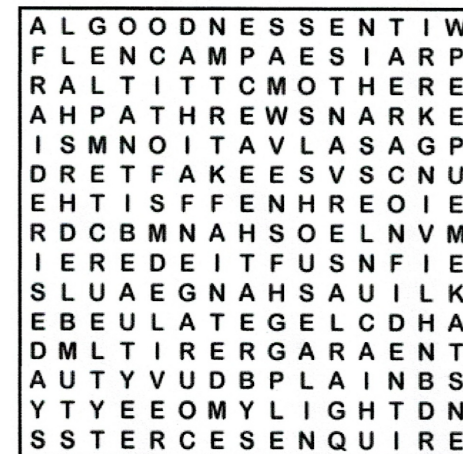
Thanks to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday.

Bible Word Search:

PSALM 27

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.

Afraid	Against
Answer	Beauty
Because	Breathe
Confident	Courage
Cruelty	Days
Deliver	Desired
Encamp	Enemies
Enquire	Fainted
Father	Forsake
Goodness	House
Land	Living
Mother	My light
One thing	Path
Plain	Praise
Seek after	Servants
Temple	Thine heart



Sacrifices	Salvation	Secret
Shall	Stumbled	Take me up
Unless	Witness	

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

In the Hospital:

Clergy Who Are ill:

Father Paul Zomerfeld serving in Johnstown, PA
Father Senior Augustin Sicard in San Antonio, TX

In nursing homes & rehab centers:

Daniela Sienko at Maple Leaf Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH
David Testerman at Golden View Health Care Center, Meredith, NH
Charlotte Raczka at Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH
Frances Dobosz at Bowman Place in Bedford, NH
Vudge Ambrose at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Manchester, NH
Fran Gorcyca at St. Teresa's Rehabilitation Center, Manchester, NH

at home:

Joseph Komisarek at home in Bedford, NH
Emilia DeVore at Saint Teresa's Independent Living in Manchester, NH
Nancy Montplaisir at home in Manchester, NH
Meg Sheha in Hollywood, FL



Clergy serving in the United States Army

COL. Father Andrew Bilinski
 LT. COL. Father Stanley Jasiurkowski
 CPT. Father Joseph Kolek
 CPT. Father Andrzej Tenus
 CPT. Father Nadeem Yaqoob
 Cpt. Father Mariusz Mularczyk

Polish National Catholics & Family Members serving

Lt.Col. Scott M. Krasko	ARMY	REMEMBER
SSGT. Nick Hudak	AIR FORCE RESERVE	THOSE
Alyssa Oxley	AIR FORCE	WHO SERVE
Vincent Manzella	AIR FORCE	
Gregory Walsh	MARINE CORPS	
James Pidgeon	MARINE CORPS	
Andrew Drada	MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD	
Tyler Gardner	NAVY	
Ian and Cody Gonyea	NAVY	
Matthew Paluszek	COAST GUARD	
Zack Richard	ARMY	
Specialist David I. Testerman	NH National Guard	
Lt. JG Dean Testerman	NAVY	



Agnus Day



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HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL P.N.C.C. Manchester, NH	Offerings
	Current Expenses: _____
	Good Samaritan: _____
	Parish Improvements: _____
	Cemetery Improvements: _____
Name _____	Total: _____

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

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:

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 ?

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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 19th, 2025 (Niedziela Dzisiejsza)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DRUGA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Memorial of Marius, Martha and Sons - *Martyrs*

sp. Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski - 01-19-2018

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

12:15 PM HTC A.N.S. Installation luncheon at the Puritan Back Room

MONDAY, January 20th, (Poniedziałek)

Memorial of Fabian - *Bishop* and Sebastian - *Martyrs*

Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday

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 21st, (Wtorek)

Memorial of Agnes - *Virgin, Martyr*

7:30 AM Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:
for God's blessings upon all the clergy of the Eastern Diocese and their families

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

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd, 2025 (Środa)

Memorial of Vincent of Saragossa - *Deacon, Martyr*

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 23rd, (Czwartek)

8:45 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Holy Mass

11:30 AM Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family

7:00 PM National Mission & Evangelism Zoom meeting

FRIDAY, January 24th, (Piątek)

Memorial of Timothy - *Bishop, New Testament, Evangelist*

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, January 25th, (Sobota)

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Ending of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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, January 26th, (Niedziela Przyszła)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Memorial of Polycarp of Smyrna - *Bishop, Martyr*

9:00 AM Holy Mass

Prayer Intention:
open intention

10:15 AM Cake and Coffee reception in the auditorium

10:45 AM HTC Annual Parish Meeting & Election to parish offices

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This is the context for Jesus' first miracle. His friends have run out of wine at their wedding, possibly because of their poverty, or perhaps because of their generosity, refusing to turn away any well-wisher, even though the extra guests put a strain on their supplies. Either way, Jesus inaugurated his ministry not by a dramatic healing or deliverance but by helping his friends feed their guests.

John's narrative is dense and multivalent; there are as many

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interpretations as there are interpreters. Despite the many voices, it is clear that Jesus was as interested in domestic and everyday things such as food and wine as he was concerned with cosmic realities such as death, salvation, and eternal life. Christ may have taught us to work for peace on earth, but he also wants to be sure that lunch is on the table. As his disciples, we must do the same, relying on Christ to do what we can to save our corner of creation while we work together as Church for the salvation of all.

- How has Christ helped you with everyday things?
- What "wine" has Christ multiplied in your life?
- How have you worked in ways small and large to reveal God's kingdom?

Practice of Hope

During these first seven Sundays in Ordinary Time and Septuagesima season, the second reading will be from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today Paul declares our unity in diversity. The Holy Spirit infuses each of us with spiritual gifts to bond us together in the one Spirit.

- Deepen your awareness of how the Holy Spirit has empowered you. Make a list of all the gifts that Paul highlights and prayerfully consider which gifts shine through you. How do you use them in the service of your faith?
- Look for opportunities this week to affirm others in the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and how they share them with those around them.
- Called together by the Holy Spirit, the Polish National Catholic Church joins other Christians in observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18—25. Join the chain of prayer in with your parish prayer group.

Questions

- God's naming and creating are, in a very real sense, the same thing. Isaiah proclaims that Jerusalem shall be called by a new name: my "delight" and "espoused." In what way does renaming a person allow that person to establish a new mission or create a new personality?
- What do you think Paul means when he says in the second

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reading that spiritual gifts come from the same Spirit, who produces all of them in everyone? And yet the Spirit is distributed individually to each person for a particular benefit. What spiritual gift have you discovered in yourself?

- The wedding feast at Cana, the baptism of the Lord, and the visit of the Magi are all epiphanies—manifestations or appearances of God. In addition to the changing of water into wine, what other signs or miracles of Jesus come to your mind?

Family Activities

- This week marks the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., minister and civil rights activist. Part of Dr. King's preaching style was to quote spirituals and gospel songs. On the night before he died, he quoted these words from a spiritual: "Free at last, free at last, I thank God I'm free at last." Look for the texts of spirituals and gospel songs, and use them to expand your ongoing conversation with God. (This is a helpful site: www.negrospirituals.com/search.htm.)
- Jesus performed his first sign at Cana—revealing who He is. Examine the ways in which you reveal yourself to others, and reflect on the "aha" moments that you experience on the pilgrim way.
- The three jars of water-made-wine remind us of the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist. Do you know anyone preparing to receive these sacraments of initiation this Easter? Pray for them and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist we receive regularly that gives us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2025

Sun. Jan. 26 - *THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*

Holy Mass - 9:00 AM

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Cake & Coffee and More Brunch (auditorium) - 10:15 AM

Annual Parish Meeting (auditorium) - 10:45 AM

Tue. Jan 28 - Moms in Prayer meets in the rectory - 7:30 AM

PNCC Bishops' Zoom Meeting - 1:00 PM

Wed. Jan. 29 - Eastern Diocese Faithful Join in Prayer: for our parish, diocese and general church - 12:00 PM

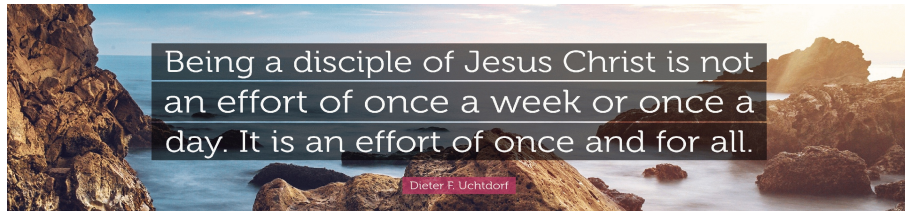
Parish Choir Rehearsal in the choir room - 6:30 PM AM

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

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COMING EVENTS *(continued)*

- Thu. Jan. 30** - Parishioners Praying for the HTC Parish Family - 11:30 AM
Sat. Feb. 1 - *sp. Bishop Valentine Gawrychowski - 02-01-1934*
Sun. Feb. 2 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**
SCOUT SUNDAY - U.S.A.
 Bishop Paul will also celebrate Holy Mass at St. Casimir Parish,
 Lowell, MA



Pray Like No One Is Watching

One secret of a life of prayer is that we must learn to pray without a sideward glance to see if anyone is watching. We must, as Jesus counsels, go into our room, close the door, and pray to our Father in secret. This entering into our room and closing the door is something we must do even when we are praying in public, even when we are praying with others, and maybe especially then. Otherwise, like King Claudius in Shakespeare's Hamlet, we cry out, "My words fly up, my thoughts remain below, / Words without thoughts never to Heaven go." If our words are calculated to please others or to impress them, or if we use our prayer to bolster our own egos before others, then our thoughts remain below. Our concentration must be on God, who lifts us up and out of ourselves. If our thoughts during prayer are truly on God, then we will be accepted and admired by others. For then, and only then, will we be independent enough of our fellow human beings and dependent enough on God to be truly ourselves. And when we are truly ourselves, we are loveable enough to be loved.

— from the book *Song of the Sparrow: New Poems and Meditations*
 by Murray Bodo, OFM



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



In John 2:1-12, we see Jesus (Yeshua) performing his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. The host ran out of wine, and at his mother's prompting, Jesus asked the servants to fill six water jars with water. When the master of the banquet tasted the water, it had been turned into the finest wine.

At first, this miracle may not seem too important in comparison to some of Jesus's other miracles, but Jewish weddings are something to behold. The fact that the Messiah's first miracle occurred during a wedding points to the abundance and blessing that come from our relationship with the Messiah Yeshua. His changing the water into wine was not merely a random act of kindness; rather, it reflected and metaphorically fulfilled the many Old Testament scriptures that speak of God's people, the proverbial bride, and the Bridegroom to come—Jesus himself.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/learn/voices/water-into-wine-the-hidden-lesson/>



**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, www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com 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. Bilinski
Cathy A. Bilinski,
Music Scholarship Administrator
nucscholarship@gmail.com



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