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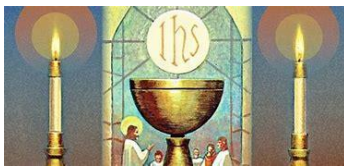
Please note: This Sunday, we move our clocks ahead by one hour, thus becoming 2 am instead of 1:00 am.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

SOLEMNITY – INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist.
 10:00 am - Annual Parish Meeting

Today, we will celebrate with the Canon of our First Bishop and Organizer of the PNCC, the Most Rev. Francis Hodur .



ENTRANCE HYMN
 (Psalm 23:1-3, 5)

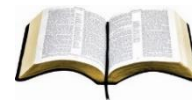
- V. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing that I lack. In green pastures, You let me graze; to safe waters, You lead me. You restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of Your name.
- R. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
- C. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
 And peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God, and Father
 We worship You; we give You thanks
 We praise you for Your glory
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
 Lord God, Lamb of God
 You take away the sins of the world
 Have mercy on us
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father
 Receive our prayer
 For you alone are the Holy One
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You called a humble priest, Father Francis Hodur, to be Your servant and to awaken Your people for work in Your vineyard. Grant that, as we observe the anniversary of Your call to us, our faith may be made firm and our hearts may be enkindled by the fire of sacrificial love. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM
 (Wisdom 5:1-5)

When they see him, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at his unexpected salvation. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan and say, “This is the man whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach- we fools! We thought that his life was madness and that his end was without honor. Why has he been numbered

among the sons of God? And why is his lot among the saints?

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

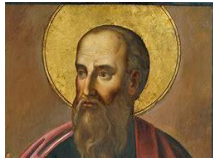
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 30:1-4)

C. I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

R. Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO TIMOTHY

(1 Timothy 4:1-5)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience, seared with a hot iron forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(John 15:1-7)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus spoke unto His disciples: I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of Mine that bears no fruit, He takes away and

every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father.

God from God, Light from Light, True God
from true God, begotten not made
Of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made
For us and for our salvation.

He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son

He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy,
Catholic and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERATORY VERSE
(Psalm 89:13b-16)

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
C. Mighty Your arm, strong Your hand, Your right hand is ever exalted. Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; love and loyalty march before You. Happy the people who know You, Lord, who walk in the radiance of Your face.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving Father, as we place these gifts before You grant us faith, integrity and patience as we labor to build Your holy Church. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE
(John 15:9)

V. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, our merciful Father, grant that, as we benefit from the grace received in this holy Sacrament, we may follow Your holy will as we continue to build Your Holy Church. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE
127th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Throughout the history of the Christian Church, there has been many milestones as well as obstacles which have left their imprints on the road to Christ.

From the history of the early Church, we read in the Book of Acts 4:32, that the followers of Jesus were of “one accord and had all things in common.”

But the beauty of this “One Faith, One Lord, and One Baptism” that Paul spoke about in his letter to the Ephesians 4:5 became muddled. There arose many divisions, debating over the personage, identity and divinity of Jesus Christ (Arianism), as well as the understanding and the defining of the Holy Trinity; One God in three Divine persons.

So, in 324 AD, over 300 bishops were called by the emperor, Constantine I the Great, to resolve certain issues, which plagued Christian unity. As a result of their meeting, they agreed to set forth a formal proclamation of faith, which we know today as the Nicæan Creed, which gave definition to not only who Jesus was, but also gave a clearer definition of the Holy Trinity.

But problems continued throughout the coming years. where Rome battled with Constantinople, the Sees of the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church over several theological issues and interpretations of the faith. This would eventually lead to what is known as the “Great Schism” which happened in 1054 AD and divided the Church into two major rites of Christianity.

With this split of the Christian family, we would move on to the Age of Reformation, which began when Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, objected to many issues of the Roman Catholic Church, including indulgences, and nailed his 95 theses on the door of the

Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517, These revolutionary opinions of Martin Luther would begin the “Protesting” or the Protestant Reformation. It was through his action, that other great religious reformers came forward, such as John Wesley, John Knox, Jan Hus, Ulrich Zwingli and others.

In the 19th century, another great religious reformer was born in the poor village of Zarki, Poland on April 1, 1866, Easter Sunday. His name was Franciszek or Francis Hodur.

Francis came from a section of Poland known as Galicia, which was controlled by the Austro-Hungarian empire. They were anything but kind and did everything possible to oppress and make life difficult for the Polish people under their control.

Francis rebelled against these injustices and decided to come to America seeking religious freedom. Upon arriving in America, he saw other injustices perpetrated against the Polish immigrants by the predominately German – Irish hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church and through his efforts organized the Polish National Catholic Church in 1897 in Scranton, PA.

On August 25, 1929, the Holy Name of Jesus Parish held its first Mass at the “Red’s Man Hall” in South Deerfield and in less than a year, a new church was built and consecrated. At the apex of this new church’s sanctuary the words “Chwala Bogu na Wykoski” or “Glory to God in the Highest,” were inscribed to serve as a reminder to all who would worship within its walls, of the efforts and work of the early organizers of this Church who looked and still look to God for His blessings as did Prime Bishop Francis Hodur.



The 127th Anniversary of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

St. Paul would teach that we form the “body of Christ” with Jesus Christ as the Head of Church and in which all baptized people are its members. I believe that the Church is a community of people who believe that Jesus Christ is present among them, when they gather in His name, recall His teachings by His

Apostles, receive the Holy Eucharist and apply His teachings in their daily lives as best as they can.

Today, as we commemorate the 127th Anniversary of the Institution of the PNCC, let us give thanks and praise first to Almighty God for His many blessings. Let us also give thanks for our first Prime Bishop, Francis Hodur, who was led by the Spirit of God and His word to organize the PNCC. It was through his spiritual insight that brought the three main branches of Christianity together. First, he kept the Catholic tradition. Second, he drew upon the orthodox teachings of the first seven Ecumenical Church Councils of the undivided Church as a foundation and finally, he brought to the shores of North America at the turn of the century a vision and a spiritual reformation for his people.

Finally, may we give Almighty God our prayers and thankfulness, for the early organizers of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish, both men and women, who through their work and struggles sought and still seek the Truth of God.



Beginnings of the Polish National Catholic Church

The Polish National Catholic Church was organized on March 14, 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania by Rev. Fr. Franciszek (Francis) Hodur and a group of Polish immigrants.

In the 19th Century, many thousands of Eastern European immigrants came to America seeking a better life and freedom from oppression. When they arrived, they brought with them their Catholic faith, and their traditions. They worked hard to provide for themselves and their families and built new churches in their communities where they could worship God.

But, for these hard-working people, they were often mistreated by the predominately German-Irish hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in many areas of the country including Buffalo, Chicago, Scranton, and parts of New England. When difficulties increased, and problems were not resolved, a group of people in Scranton, PA, began constructing a new church building. They would name this church

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Church. When the Roman Catholic diocesan bishop would not support their efforts and refused to bless their new church, they asked Father Francis Hodur, from Nanticoke, PA to be their pastor and leader.

As Father Hodur and these people began praying and working together, they developed the Polish National Catholic Church Program. This program was to set forth their vision for not only for their parish, but also for other churches 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 of pastorates of priests approved by parishioners.
4. Appointed of Polish Bishops in America by Rome with input by the clergy and the laity united.

Father Hodur realized the importance of the printed word to communicate the National Church Program and other related ideals and principles to members of this new church and for others who could benefit. Therefore, ***The STRAZ – The Guard*** newspaper was created in 1897 as a publication of Saint Stanislaus Church and was to serve as a missionary tool.

In the next few years, many new parishes were organized in other 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 were to 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 for the administration of parishes; the ***STRAZ*** became the official newspaper of the PNCC; and a decisive break was made with the Roman Catholic Church.

The PNCC is not a new Church, but it is an integral part of the Early Christian Church founded by Jesus Christ. Therefore, our Church is an integral part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, Church.

Father Hodur would be consecrated a Bishop at Saint 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 set forth a valid and an indisputable order of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

At the Third General Synod of the PNCC in 1914 Bishop Hodur, along with the clergy and lay delegates, established the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. This synod determined that this Solemnity 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, as well as in Canada and Poland. With this expansion it became necessary for additional bishops to be elected and consecrated. Therefore, in 1924, four new bishops were consecrated for the Church and four new dioceses were established.



THE PARISH AN EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Following the Ascension of Jesus, we read in the NT Book of the Book of Acts, where the Apostles of Jesus and others gathered, and formed the first Christian Community in the city of Jerusalem:

“When they entered the city, they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:13-14)

We continue to read of early Christians communities established as also found in the Book of Acts 2:42-47:

⁴²They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the Apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would

sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. ⁴⁶ Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved others.



**“Confession of Faith”
of the
Polish National Catholic Church**

The ‘**Confession of Faith**’ of the Polish National Catholic Church was written by the Organizer of the PNCC, the Most Rev. Franciszek (Francis) Hodur and was first adopted in 1913, at the Provincial Synods convened at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Passaic, New Jersey and Chicopee, Massachusetts. At the Third General Synod, which was convened in Chicago, Illinois in 1914, the “Confession of Faith” was officially adopted and it has not been modified since.

I BELIEVE in Almighty God, the cause of all existence, in a Being who permeates the universe and is the source of its life and development both material (physical) as well as spiritual and moral. In relation to man, God reveals Himself through his creative power. His inexpressible wisdom. His provident influence on the formation of the destiny of individual man, nations, states, and all of humanity. In a more particular way, God as the Spirit of Life, Light and Goodness, influences chosen spirits of nations, who in a given epoch of human development, are the creative agent in the building of God’s Kingdom on earth. This direct influence of God – is not limited to one nation, to one epoch, but is directed to all nations and. times – for the purpose of stimulating life, progress and the attainment of the highest degree of culture by individual nations, states and all mankind; it is the outpouring of Divine forces acting upon humanity

and the benefiting from these forces by individuals, nations, states and all mankind.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, the Savior and Spiritual Regenerator of the world.

I BELIEVE that Christ the Lord, was the Emissary of God, of one substance with Him, and as to humanity born of the humble woman Mary. I believe that this Nazarene Master revealed His Divine mission on earth through His life, an unsurpassed ideal of goodness, wisdom and self-sacrifice for others, especially for sinful and disinherited people; that by His work, teaching and sacrificial death, He became the glowing ember of a new life, of mankind, taking its beginning and deriving its strength and fullness in knowing God, loving Him and fulfilling His Holy Will.

I BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, rules the world in the natural as well as in the moral order, that all the laws of the universe, as well as those by which the soul of individual man and humanity as a whole are guided, are an emanation of the will, goodness and righteousness of the Divine Being.

I BELIEVE that from the Holy Spirit flows grace, that is an invisible power which brings it to pass that, when a man cooperates and works in harmony with it, he becomes better, more perfect, better fitted for his tasks, a participant in the peace of heart and soul, until one day, through union with God in Eternity, he finds infinite bliss and the fulfillment of his own being.

I BELIEVE in the need of uniting all followers of Christ’s religion into the one body of God’s Church, and that the Church of Christ, Apostolic and Universal, is the representation of this Divine community of mankind, which the Savior proclaimed for the realization of which all noble-minded peoples labored, are still laboring and for which the soul of man yearns, desiring truth, light, love, justice and consolation in God.

I BELIEVE that the Church of Christ is the true teacher of both individual man as well as of all human society, that it is a steward of Divine Graces,

a guide and a light in man's temporal pilgrimage to God and salvation; in so far as the followers and members of this Church, both lay and clerical, are united with the Divine Founder through faith and life proceeding from this faith.

I BELIEVE that every true Christian should take an active and vital part in the spiritual life of the Church, through the hearing of the Word of God, through the receiving of the Holy Sacraments, through fulfilling the laws and regulations established by Christ and His Apostles, as defined and given to us by the Church.

I BELIEVE that all peoples as children of one Father, God, are equal in themselves; that privileges arising from differences in rank, from possession of immense riches or from differences of faith, sex and race, are a great wrong, for they are a violation of the rights of man which he possesses by his nature and the dignity of his divine origin, and are a barrier to the purposeful development of man.

I BELIEVE that all people have an equal right to life, happiness and those ways and means which lead to the preservation of existence, to advancement and salvation, but I also believe, that all people have sacred obligations toward God, themselves, their nation, state and all of humanity.

I BELIEVE in the ultimate justice of God, in a future life beyond the grave, which will be a continuation of this temporal life and which, as to its condition and degree of perfection and happiness is dependent on our present life, but above all on the state of our soul in the final hour before death.

I BELIEVE in immortality and everlasting happiness in eternity in union with God of all people, races and ages, because I believe in the Divine power of love, mercy and justice and for nothing else do I yearn, but that it may be to me according to my faith.

Today, we will offer prayers for the repose of the soul of our late departed Organizer of the PNCC, the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur and the early organizers of the PNCC.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(March 4th- March 9th)

- Mon. 3/11** **Private prayer and devotion.**
Constanine of Cornwall, King & Martyr
Sophronius of Jerusalem, Bishop
Aengus the Hagiographer, Bishop
- Tue. 3/12** **Mass for health and healing.**
Gregory the Great
Maximilian of Tebessa, Martyr
Peter, Gorgonius & Dorotheus, Martyrs
- Wed. 3/13** **Mass to the Holy Saints of God**
Roderic, Priest & Martyr, Solomon, M
Gerald of Mayo, Abbot
Euphrasia, Virgin
- Thurs. 3/14** **Mass to the Holy Martyrs of God**
Matilda, Queen & Widow
Euthychius, Martyr
Leobinus, Bishop
- Fri. 3/15** **Mass to the Most Holy Angels of God**
Longinus the Centurion, NT, Martyr
Zachary of Rome, Bishop
Lucretia of Cordoba, Virgin & Martyr
- Sat. 3/16** **Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**
Julian of Antioch, Martyr
Gregory Makar, Bishop
Eusebia, Abbess



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

8:30 am – Morning Devotions

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

12:00 am – Bitter Lamentations in English



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

“Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” - Psalm 119:105

During the month of March 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer these two following prayers on Wednesdays at noon:



A PRAYER FOR PARISH FAMILIES

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 PNCC Book of Devotions)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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 of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

DISCIPLESHIP 2024:

KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

On Thursday March 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM (EDT)

Rev. Fr. Pawel Lukaszewicz will help us to explore the topic on: Being Christians Today: Christian Identity, Sources of Strength, and Challenges.

Please join us for the third in a series of virtual “Know and Grow” presentations. To join via Zoom, please contact: revpauls@yahoo.com or ksobiechowski@yahoo.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

8:30 am – Morning Devotions
9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist
12:00 am – Stations of the Cross # 4



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

CENTRAL SENIORATE LENTEN RETREAT

Our Parish will host a Lenten Retreat for the Central Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC, on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Beginning with registration at 9:00 am and lasting until 1:00 pm. Members of our clergy from the Central Seniorate of the PNCC will be attending, as well as members from our various churches in our Seniorate. A light breakfast as well as lunch will be provided to all participants.

The following is the schedule for our Lenten Retreat:

9:30 am Registration.
10:00 am Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours.
10:30 am Continental Breakfast
11:00 am Session 1 – The Week that Was.
12:00 pm Session 2 - The Liturgy of Holy Week.
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross – A devotional.
1:30 pm Lunch – Soup and Salad.
2:00 pm Departure.



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.



LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

This year, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC has provided all its parishes **“Lenten Collection Boxes.”** The purpose of these boxes is to aid our local communities and various outreach programs of our parishes.

This year’s Lenten theme is **“There Is No Greater Love,”** taken from Matthew 9:13. During these forty (40) days of Lent, individuals are asked to contribute daily to one of the great pillars of Lent, “Almsgiving.”

There are two prayers that are printed on these collection boxes which helps to bring into focus this season of Lent. I share with you these two prayers:



PRAYER TO FORGIVE ANOTHER

Dear Jesus, I admit to You that I think I have been wronged, and I feel angry. I feel someone has hurt me, whether they intended it or not, and I feel defensive. To be honest, I’m not sure that I trust that person anymore. Yet I know You call me to forgive. When I look at Your Cross, I think of how many times You have forgiven me and wiped the slate clean. I think of how often You have given me a new chance and a fresh beginning.

O Jesus, please come into my heart and heal me where I feel hurt or numb. For my part, I forgive this person as You have forgiven me. I ask You to bless them and heal them as well. Thank You, Lord, that You alone are the answer to our deepest needs. Amen.



LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You are our Father! Thank you for wrapping Your arms around each of us with a deep

unconditional love. How much we need You! We surrender our hearts to You this Lent and give You permission to change them and make them more like the heart of Jesus.

We enter the throne room of Your presence, to worship You, receive Your love, and love You in return. Help us to be patient and give one another a second chance. Open our inner eyes to truly see and serve each other as best we can. Help us to pray fervently, fast humbly, and give alms cheerfully. May we love one another as You have loved us and be set free to rejoice with You this Easter! In Jesus’ name. Amen



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY **Daily Devotions**

Copies of the Lenten daily devotional booklet, “One Bread, One Body” is now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in tune with the daily readings as found in the “Common Lectionary” of the Christian Church.



Our Food Ministry: “Feeding the Hungry”

” For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”

- Matthew 25:35-36

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need.

I also want to also thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance of all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry will be on **Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 am** while supplies last.

I wanted to personally thank Sue Dibrindisi and Cheryl Major who helped to distribute our groceries in the month of February.

I also want to acknowledge the generosity of Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich, Jr. who donated many non-perishable food items from his parish ministry. A thank you note was sent to Fr. Sr. Nemkovich. A special word of thanks to Dick and Shirley -Mietlicki Floyd for bringing these donations to our church.

I also want to thank Sue Petrola, a member of St. Joseph's PNCC in Westfield for her donations of non-perishable food items.



IN APPRECIATION

I want to thank the men and women of our Parish, who have for the past two weeks, gave of their time in making the pierogi that will be sold at our upcoming Food and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 23, 2024. And so to:

Alice Maiewski, Peg Kostiuik, Pat Blakeslee, Shirley Mietlick-Floyd, Eva Adamski, Mary Tudryn, Debbie Miaszeszek, Bobbi Santos, Jane Grybko, Linda Puchalski, Karen Herzig, Sue Dibrindisi, and Halina Lukomski. Eric Dibrindisi, Josh Tudryn, Wayne Shaw, Walter Puchalski, Carl Adamski, Buddy Lafleur.



The following is this week's schedule for making galabki:

Tues. 3/19 - Coring and cooking cabbage leaves.
Wed. 3/20- Preparing meat mixture/ lining of pans.
Thur. 3/21 – Assembling galabki (stuffed cabbage).
Fri. 3/22 – Packaging galabki.

Please see Buddy if you can help. May God bless all our endeavors.



The following is the schedule for making apple pies:

THURSDAY 3/21 @ 9:00 am – Baking & packaging apple pies.

We are also accepting donations of baked goods, including cakes, pies and cookies. Please see Linda.

As this is one of our largest annual events, I call upon all of our parishioners and friends, to pitch in if able. Sign up sheets may be found in our Parish hall.

Donations for our raffle are currently being collected. Please see Sue Dibrindisi. Thank you.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

Among the items that we are asking for:

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese
- Tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.

We are constantly looking at how we can improve this ministry and we invite your input and suggestions.

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Our Sunday Masses may be reviewed on Channel # 12 on: **Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.**
Sundays at 10 am, 2 pm, 6pm and 9 pm.

Our weekly Masses can also be viewed on "You Tube," under "FCAT - Holy Name of Jesus."



PALM SUNDAY FOOD & BAKE SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 2
9:00 am – 12:00 Noon



A MORNING DEVOTIONAL

At the time of prayer, the following is said:

Lord, come to my assistance. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

God Father, praise and glory
Your children come to sing.
Good will and peace to mankind
The gifts Your kingdom brings.

O most Holy Trinity,
Undivided Unity
Holy God, Mighty God
God immortal, be adorned.

And you, Lord Coeternal
God's sole begotten Son;
O Jesus, King anointed
You have redemption won.

O Holy Spirit, Creator
The Gift of God most high;
Life, love and holy wisdom,
Our weakness now supply.

A DEVOTIONAL READING

1 Thessalonians 1,7

My brothers, we beg and exhort, you in the Lord Jesus that, even as you learned from us how to conduct yourselves in a way pleasing to God – which you are indeed doing – s you must learn to make still greater progress, God has not called us to immorality but to holiness.

(Time for personal reflection)

CLOSING PRAYER

FATHER, may our Lenten observance prepare us to embrace the pascal mystery and to proclaim your salvation with joyful praise. All of this we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



AN EVENING DEVOTIONAL

At the time of prayer, the following is said:

Lord, come to my assistance. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

The setting sun now dies away,
And darkness comes at the close of day.
Your brightest beams, dear Lord, impart,
And let them shine within our heart.

We praise Your name with joy this night;
Please watch and guide us till the light;
Joining the music of the blest,
O Lord, we sing ourselves to rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Trinity blest, whom we adore,
Be praise and glory evermore.

A DEVOTIONAL READING

Isaiah 1:16-18

Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the LORD: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool.

(Time for reflection and prayer)

CLOSING PRAYER

LORD, you reward virtue and forgive the repentant sinner. Grant us Your forgiveness as we come before You, confessing our guilt. All of this we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen