



**HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
**15 THAYER STREET**  
**SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373**

**Rev. Fr. Robert M. Koerber, Pastor**  
**Parish phone: (413) 665-2129**

**Parish email: koerber702@comcast.net**

**Emergency contact: (413) 530-8575**

**Website: www.holynamesouthdeerfield.org**

**FB: Holy Name of Jesus, South Deerfield**

**APRIL 28, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be  
 celebrated in the Contemporary Rite.**

**Mass Intention: Sp. Stanley Lukomski (16<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary of passing) offered by family  
 members.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“To Thee, We Come, O Lord.”**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**(Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23)**

**V. In the same way, my brothers, you also were put  
 to death the law through the body of Christ,  
 so that you may belong to another, to the One  
 Who was raised from the dead in order that we  
 might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.**

**R. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,  
 kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,  
 self-control. Against such there is no law.  
 Alleluia.**

**V. 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. All powerful Father, You  
 are the dresser of the vine, Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 for through Him You give us life that we may bring  
 forth fruit worthy of Your kingdom. Prune from us  
 the old nature within us, and enrich us that we, filled  
 with Your bounty, may ever give You thanks. We  
 ask this through the same 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 ACTS**

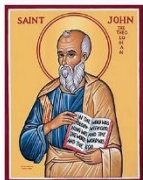
**(Acts 4:8-12)**

**When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join  
 the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not  
 believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas  
 took charge of him and brought him to the  
 apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen  
 the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how  
 in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name  
 of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in  
 Jerusalem and spoke out boldly in the name of the  
 Lord. He also spoke and debated with the  
 Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the  
 brothers learned of this, they took him down to  
 Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The  
 church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and  
 Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and  
 walked in fear of the Lord, and with the  
 consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.**

C. This is the Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**  
(Jeremiah 17:10)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart. Alleluia.  
R. To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. Alleluia.



**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF  
SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE**  
(1 John 3:1-2)

Children, let us love not in word or speech but indeed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before Him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as He commanded us. Those who keep His commandments remain in Him, and He in them, and the way we know that He remains in us is from the Spirit He gave us.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.  
R. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**  
(John 15:16a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
V. It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chosen you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN**  
(John 15:1-8)

C. The Lord be with you.  
R. And also with you.  
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in Me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in Me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become 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.

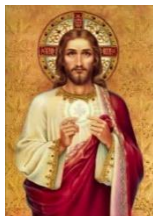
**OFFERTORY VERSE**

(Colossians 1:9-10)

We do not cease praying for you and asking you that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God. Alleluia.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Heavenly Father, with confidence we set before You the needs of our heart and the needs of our world. Accept our sacrifice and make us pleasing to You. 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.



**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**

(Proverbs 8:19)

V. My fruit is better than gold, yes than pure gold,  
 and My revenue than choice silver. Alleluia

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Let us pray. Lord, our God;

Through this Holy Communion, may we be recognized as Your children by our obedience to Your will. 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**



**REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL**

**THE VINE OF LIFE IN CHRIST**

**“I am the vine and you are the branches.”**

In today's Gospel we hear another of the great “I Am's” of Jesus. “I am the vine.” Jesus first mentions that He is the vine in John 15:1: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine grower.” There are a number of Old Testament references that speak of Israel being a vine, planted and tended by God. One reference is found in the Book of Isaiah, where the vineyard planted by God, instead of bearing good fruit, it withered from ignoring the life that God offered to them. We read in the OT Book of Isaiah 5:3-4:

“And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between Me and My vineyard. What more was there to do for My

vineyard that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? We also read in Isaiah 5:7:

“For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting.”

Against this background, Jesus speaks of Himself as the **True** vine, the One who gives witness unto the Father and bears good fruit unto His Father’s approval and glory.

Now we can understand a bit clearer the importance of this verse, when Jesus declares Himself, as the “Vine” and declares to give life unto His believers.

The week before, He declared Himself as the “Good Shepherd,” and today as the “Vine.”

If God was to send His Emissary, His Ambassador to offer a “perfect” and final “sacrifice” for the accumulated sins of man, would He not send His Son as the “True Vine?”

The “prophets” of the Old Testament would foretell of the sending of His only begotten Son, who would be true source of life for believers. We are told by Him, in today’s Gospel, that we are the branches connected to Him, drawing that life from Him; drawing from Him the necessary nutrients to survive, flourish and grow as followers of the “Way.” We later learn that in the city of Antioch c.1<sup>st</sup> century the followers of Jesus were first called Christians.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the words of Jesus: “Without me, you can do nothing?”

At first glance, we may assume that all branches bear fruit, but in reality it is only through the vine that makes all of it happen. The point is: that unless the branch is connected to the vine, it will not survive. Spiritually speaking, it is that connection which is needed for spiritual renewal; that while we strive to live in Christ, Christ is living in us.

But there is even more here in this short statement. When Jesus says that He is the Vine, it is the last of the great “I AM’s, that He makes at the Last Supper as mentioned in the gospel of John.

The repeated use of “I am” brings to mind the name that God gave to Moses by which to call Him: “I am who I am” (Exodus 3:14). Jesus is stating that

He is the vine from which all life comes from and that He was indeed sent by God.

My dear brothers and sisters: We read in the Gospel of John 1:1-4, that all life in the created world came through Him: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life.” Just as all life came through Him, rebirth, regeneration and eternal life comes from Him as well.



### **THE GLORIFIED CROSS**

Last week, I spoke about the importance and the significance of the **Pascal Candle**, one of the symbols of Easter. I also mentioned that in the solemn procession on Easter Sunday, the Pascal candle is the first symbol to be carried behind the Processional Cross.

This week I would like to speak briefly on the second symbol of Easter and the second symbol to be carried in procession on Easter Sunday. It is the “**Gloried Cross**” of Christ.

Do you know that in the early history of man’s inhumanity to man, and for many centuries, death by crucifixion was considered as the most feared and despised way to be put to death Originated by the Persians in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, it was a method of capital punishment used also by the Seleucids, Carthaginians, and Romans until the 4th century AD when Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor abolished it in the Roman Empire out of veneration for Jesus Christ.

I have read, that the Cross was “shied away” from by the early Christians, as a symbol of shame, only later to become a symbol of redemption and salvation.

According to tradition, many of the Apostles of the Jesus were crucified including Peter and Andrew.

The importance of the “Cross of Christ” is found in the writings of St. Paul. I share with you four



scripture passages taken from his letters to the early church.

“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:17.

“But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

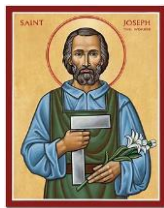
- 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

“But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”.

- Galatians 6:14

“And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.”

- Philippians 2:8,9

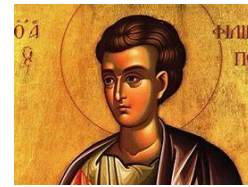


APRIL 30

### JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

Not much is known about Joseph outside of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and is mentioned in the Gospel of Mark. In the 13 books ascribed to Paul, Joseph is not mentioned at all. Tradition holds that Joseph died prior to the public ministry of Jesus and he is not mentioned at the Crucifixion of Jesus. Throughout the centuries, Joseph is honored as the husband of Mary and the “protector” of his wife Mary and her son Jesus. As a just man, Joseph was first mentioned to have been visited by an angel in a dream, to take Mary, who was with child, to be his wife. He is later called upon to lead Mary and the infant Jesus into Egypt and again to return to Israel from Egypt following the death of king Herod. Finally, Joseph is mentioned when he, Mary and the young boy Jesus, age 12, went up to Jerusalem for the Passover. He was known in Greek as a “*tekton*” or a craftsman or builder in wood, stone or metal.

Joseph optimizes a righteous man and a devoted worker who cared for his family.



MAY 1<sup>st</sup>

### PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Philip, is one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus, His name, Philip, or in Greek (Philippos), suggests that he had a Hellenistic background, influenced by Greek thought, although he hailed from Bethsaida in Galilee, the same town as Peter and Andrew.

Philip is mostly mentioned in the Gospel of John.

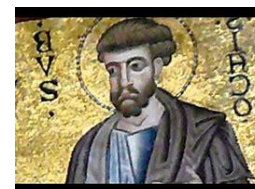
One account of Philip is found in John 12:20-22:

“Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So, these came to Philip, who was from Beth-sa’ida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip, and they told Jesus.”

It has been speculated that the Greeks approached Philip either because they knew him personally or that Philip spoke Greek.

Not to be confused with Philip the Evangelist as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, Philip the Apostle is believed to have gone to Greece, Syria and Phrygia in Asia Minor to preach the Gospel. According to tradition, Philip was crucified in Hierapolis, in Asia a part of the Roman empire, circa 80 AD.

His Feast Day: is celebrated along with St. James the Lesser, another Apostle of Jesus, on May 3 in the Western Christian Church.



MAY 1<sup>st</sup>

### JAMES THE LESSER

Not to be confused with James the Greater, the son of Zebedee, James the Lesser is believed to have been

the son of Alphaeus and Mary. Mary is mentioned in Mark 15:40, as one of the women who was present at the Crucifixion of Jesus and at the tomb that first Easter morning.

Not too much is known of James the Lesser, but it is believed that he suffered martyrdom in the first century AD.

There is much confusion of exactly who James the Lesser was? Some biblical scholars such as St. Jerome stated that James the Lesser was a brother of Jesus, also known as James the “Just,” who oversaw a gathering of the Apostles in AD 50. This James was martyred by being thrown off the temple parapet in 62 AD. Some accounts believe that James the “Just” was martyred by being beaten to death by clubs by an angry crowd.

Papias of Hierapolis, who lived circa 70–163 AD, in the surviving fragments of his work Exposition of the Sayings of the Lord wrote that Mary, wife of Alphaeus, is mother of James the Less.



**MARIAM – “THEOTOKOS”  
“MOTHER OF GOD”**

It is in the month of May, that we give special devotion to Mary, the mother of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Both Matthew and Luke refer to Mary in their Gospel accounts as a “virgin.” Christians throughout Christendom, believe that Mary conceived her son Jesus while still a virgin, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Luke begins with telling the account of a young girl, who according to some biblical scholars, could have been as young as 14-15 when she was visited by the Arch angel Gabriel, who visits her and tells her that she was to be chosen to bear a son according to the Old Testament prophecies and that she was found to be in “favor with God.”

It was in the Jewish faith, that young women would pray that if it was in God’s plan, that they

might be the vessel to bring forth the “Redeemer.” With the visitation by the Archangel Gabriel, according to our faith, Mary was the chosen one.

Throughout her life, Mary not only experienced the birth and the events surrounding the birth of her Son Jesus in Bethlehem, but she was also present at “Cross” of His crucifixion.

While she scolded her son, for not staying with the her and Joseph at the Passover in Jerusalem, when Jesus was 12, she is also believed to be among the women who came to finish the hurried burial right of her beloved son, following His crucifixion.

Mary has also been venerated, since early Christianity, and has miraculously appeared to many other believers over the centuries, from Mexico, France, Portugal, Yugoslavia and Egypt, Mary as honored in The Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran Churches all profess that Mary is the “Mother of God.”



**MARYAM  
“OUR LADY”**

In Islam, Mary or “Maryam” is given the title “Sayyidutuna’ or “Our Lady.” She is also referred to as “Tahira” or “one who has been purified.” It is also interesting that the Koran considers Mary as the greatest woman in all of creation and refers to her Annunciation: “Mary, God has chosen thee, purified thee; He has chosen thee above all women in creation.” (Koran 3:42). It is also believed that she is the only woman in all of creation who was never tempted by Satan.

Devotions to Mary vary. In the PNCC, our liturgy has assigned the month of May to Mary, by reciting the “Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary,” to saying the “Holy Rosary to Mary,” or to saying the “Angelus,” which is found in our prayer book, and traditionally said at 6 am, 12 noon and 6 pm. The following is the “Angelus to Mary”



### **THE ANGELUS**

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary.....

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**

**R. Be it done unto me according to your word.**

Hail Mary.....

**V. And the Word was made flesh.**

**R: And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary.....

**V: Pray for us, O holy mother of God.**

**R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**



### **THE MAGNIFICANT**

**The Magnificat** is Latin for "My soul magnifies [the Lord ]" which is a canticle, also known as the "Song of Mary, the "Canticle of Mary" and in the Byzantine tradition is known as the "Ode of the Theotokos."

It is traditionally incorporated into the liturgical services of the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox, as well as the Anglican and the Lutheran Churches.

For private devotions, it is usually said in the evening.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior

For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me,

And holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel  
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,  
The promise He made to our fathers,  
To Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever.

### **THE HAIL MARY**

The Hail Mary is a traditional Scripture-based Catholic prayer of praise for and petition to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It finds its origin as early as the sixteenth century, and it is recited following the Lord's Prayer and is the central prayer when offering the Rosary.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



### **OUR PARISH CALENDAR**

#### **DAILY HOLY MASS**

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

#### **THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE**

(April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Mon. 4/29** Mass for Health & Healing  
Peter of Verone, Martyr  
Wilfred the Younger, Bishop  
Hugh the Great, Abbot

- Tue. 4/30 Solemnity – Joseph the Workman**  
Joseph the Workman  
Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor  
Maximus, Martyr
- Wed. 5/1 Feast – Philip & James, Apostles**  
Philip & James, Apostles  
Sigismund of Burgundy, K & Marytr  
Peregrine Laziose, Penitent
- Thurs. 5/2 Mass to the Holy Saints & Martyrs**  
Athanasius of Alexandris, Bp, & Matryr  
Exupenius & Zoe, Martyrs  
Waldebertm Abbot
- Fri. 5/3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross**  
Finding of the Holy Cross  
Timothy & Maura, Martyrs  
Juvenal of Narni, Bishop
- Sat. 5/4 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**  
Anthimus of Nicomedia, Bishop  
Asicus, Abbot & Bishop  
Maccul, Bishop

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

**12:00 pm Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God's blessings of health and healing. Let us also remember in prayer:

Louise Puchalski currently at The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam, MA.

George Sadowski currently at Quabbin Valley Rehabilitation Center in Athol, MA.

Joseph Kiloski currently at Amherst Rehabilitation Facility in Amherst, MA

**Let us pray.** O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

**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 May 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers each Wednesday at noon:



**A PRAYER OF PETITION**

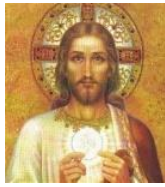
**Heavenly Father,** Your Son assured us: “whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith; and that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name.” As Your child I turn to You and in the name of Jesus I offer my humble prayer for (offer your petition or request to God). I put my faith and trust in You, dear Father, for You always know what is right and best. May Your will be done. Amen.

(From PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers).

**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.





## ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### Daily Devotions

New copies of the Easter daily devotional booklet, "One Bread, One Body" are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord 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 by either giving away food items or by sponsoring monthly "suppers" to aid feed the hungry.

I want to thank Eric Dibrindisi, Mary and Josh Tudryn for heading up this month's food ministry. We were able to pass out 13 bags of groceries.

I also want to 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 with 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, May 18 from 10:00 am while supplies last.

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

I wish to acknowledge and thank Sharon Paciorek who was instrumental in sharing with us several boxes of ham and cheese "Hot Pockets" as well as

Linda Puchalski who helped bring these items over to our Parish Hall. We offer to all our parishioners and friends' access to this item. Please see Linda Puchalski.



## **FCAT**

### **(Frontier Cable Access Television)**

Our Sunday Masses may be viewed 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 "YouTube," under "FCAT - Holy Name of Jesus."

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Following Holy Mass on Mother's Day, an invitation is extended to all to come and share a Mother's Day Brunch. Menu to include Bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit cups, various quiches, as well as coffee, tea and assorted pastries.



### **SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, we are planning on sponsoring a spaghetti and meatball dinner (**for take out only**) starting at 12:00 Noon. The meal will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert. Price per meal has been set at \$12.00. The deadline for reservations will be Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will advertise this meal throughout our community. Please see Linda Puchalski or a member of the Parish Committee for more information and for reservations.