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TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 THE 11TH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR CLERGY PENSION

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist, celebrated in the Traditional Rite.

10:00 am – Father' Day Breakfast – Following Holy Mass, a light Father's Day Continental Breakfast will be served in our Parish Hall.

OPENING HYMN "TO THEE WE COME, O LORD, OUR GOD"

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion,
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN

(Luke 17:20b-21; Daniel 6:27b)

V. The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce: 'Look, here is!' or 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

- R For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end."
- V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. 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 praver 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. Heavenly Father, establish us in Your love and guide us in Your grace so that we may ever desire to do 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.
- C. Almighty God and most gracious Father, You gave us parents for the rearing of each new generation and the fulfillment of Your purposes on earth. You poured into their hearts the graces of faith, love and sacrifice. On this day, dedicated to the honor of our fathers, we ask You to bless all the fathers of our congregation. Empower them to livingly fulfill the obligations that You have set before them, as they look to the example of Saint Joseph. We

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

(Ezekiel 17:22-24)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel, I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (Psalm 92:13-16)

- V. The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- R. They shall bear fruit even in old age; always vigorous and sturdy, as they proclaim: "The Lord is just; our rock, in Whom there is no wrong."



A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk

by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please Him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (Ezekiel 21:5)

C. Alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Alas, Lord God, they say to me: Is not this the one who is forever spinning parables?

C. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (Mark 4:26-34)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables He did not speak to them, but to His own disciples, He explained everything in private.

- 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 Live 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

(Psalm 78:2)

V. I will open My mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- C. Almighty, eternal God, as we offer this sacrifice in Your Name, speak no longer to us in parables but make Your message plain that it may guide us to our salvation. 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.
- C. Almighty Father, as we offer these gifts, help us to honor our fathers: that our days may be long in the land which You have give us. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

V. For we walk by faith, not by sight.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- C. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Lord, Jesus Christ, You have fed us with the Word of Life and the food of salvation. Open our eyes to the eternal mysteries so that we may see the growth of Your kingdom within us. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.

C. Almighty Father, as we offer these gifts, help us to honor our fathers: that our days may be long in the land which You have give us. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



COLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY PENSION

I call on all our parishioners to consider contributing to the National Clergy Pension Fund of the PNCC, to aid those Bishops and priests who have given 20 years of unbroken service to the PNCC The Eastern Diocese of the PNCC, has again donated this year \$25,000 to this fund

Envelopes for donations may be found in the vestibule of our Church.



REFLECTIONS ON THIS FATHER'S DAY

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now, remain in My love." - **John 15:9**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

On this Father's Day, may we first pause and remember in prayer our fathers, both the living and deceased, and pray for the blessings of God, our Father, to rest upon all of them.

So many memories of fathers, on this special day. It is only natural, that as Christians, we should look again to the Holy Family, as we did on Mother's Day, to remind us of the standards of a what it takes for a family to be "righteous" unto the Lord and especially today for fathers and for all men.

The word "righteous" has been used in conjunction with one's relationship to God. The word "righteous" as an adjective is defined as "a

person or conduct of one, who is morally right or iustifiable: virtuous."

In our Sacrament of the Word of God, we read in Holy Scripture about righteous men and fathers who lived with God throughout their lives.

From the examples found in the Old Testament of Noah and Abraham, to the New Testament example of Joseph, the husband of Mary and guardian of Jesus, these fathers were given an extra responsibility of caring and providing for a family.

But aside from all this, I would like to give some reflections on this Father's Day about a testimony given by a son to His father.

It should first be said that Jesus loved His heavenly Father. We learn that he was obedient to the Father, was humbled by Him, and witnessed the power given unto Him by His Father.

I believe that Jesus was also to teach us about the Father as found in the writings of the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Let us reflection on just some of His teachings concerning His Father:

- 1. **Praying unto the Father**: Jesus encouraged us to pray to the Father. In the Lord's Prayer, He begins with "Our Father who art in heaven" (Matthew 6:9).
- 2. The Way unto the Father: Jesus declared that He is the pathway unto the Father. In John 14:6, He said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."
- 3. Revealing the heart of the Father:
 Jesus consistently demonstrated the heart of the Father through His actions and interactions. He showed throughout His ministry the compassion, forgiveness, and love of the Father. "Whosoever has seen Me, has seen the Father
- 4. **Intimacy with the Father:** Jesus lived out of intimacy with the Father. He often withdrew by Himself to pray and seek guidance from the Father (Mark 1:35).

- 5. **Glorifying the Father:** Jesus sought to glorify the Father in everything He did. He said, "I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges" (John 8:50).
- 6. **Pointing to the Goodness of the Father:** Jesus highlighted the goodness of the Father. He emphasized God's care, provision, and love for His children (Matthew 6:25–34).
- 7. Importance of going to the Father:
 Jesus emphasized the importance of
 establish a relationship with the Father. He
 invited us to approach God, which Paul
 would reiterate as "Abba "or Father.

I am reminded of the NT, in the Gospel of Luke 2:41-51, of when Jesus was 12 years old and was going up to the Temple in Jerusalem, for the Passover, with Joseph and Mary. After having lost Him, thinking he was among fellow travelers, Mary and Joseph turned back to Jerusalem and we read: "After three days they found Him in the temple,

(Galatians 4:6).

"After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for Me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them.

On this Father's Day, I think about Saint Joseph, His protector, who along with Mary, both taught Jesus how to be respectful, honorable as well as righteous, first unto God and then to others.

We further read in Luke 2:51: "Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and His mother treasured all these things in her heart."

So many of societies families have been broken as in a wheel which is not balanced. Joseph, a man of honor and righteous, humbly accepted his path as guardian" and a father unto the Lord. Not too much is known about Saint Joseph, He is not mentioned in the letters of Saint Paul nor in the Gospel of Mark. Except for the stories found in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, of an angel coming to him, or of his flight into Egypt to save Mary and Jesus, the only other significant time we hear about Joseph is when Jesus, was age 12, While I believe that Jesus is the "Word made flesh, I believe that both Mary and Joseph had an influence on Jesus. After this event, nothing else is know nothing about Joseph, how long he lived or when he died.

But what we come to know about Joseph, was that he was righteous unto the Lord; he observed the Jewish law and holy days with his family and finally, most importantly, he accepted God's will by taking Mary to be his wife even after finding out she was pregnant. Can you imagine the inner turmoil he must have had when he first learned that Mary was with child? According to Jewish tradition, Mary, who conceived out of marriage, would be put to death by stoning. But in his righteousness, he was to be visited by angel Gabriel, who told him not to be afraid in taking Mary as his wife. Joseph like Mary were to put all their trust and faith in God.

Father's Day, historically, is less significant than Mother's Day, who receive more flowers, card, and phone calls. In contrast, Father's Day, comes with simpler gifts and fewer cards. I have heard that fathers need a day of rest as mothers on their day, who want to be loved but also want to be "left alone" for a few minutes.

On this Father's Day, I would like to speak about a gift that true fathers have, and so many times have given and continue to give to the success of their children and to their families... and that gift is themselves.

It has been said that almost any man can father a child, but only special ones, who stay around long enough to raise their children may be called a dad. I want to say this morning that true dads are special people.

And so, on this special day, may we remember our fathers in prayer, both living and deceased and ask that God would bless them for what they gave to their families; love, support and most importantly themselves. Amen.



FAITH

"How, then, can they call on the One, they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching it to them?"

- Romans 10:14

In the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews, we read that "faith" is the "realization of what is hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen."

The word "Faith" can be defined as a "belief, confidence or assurance that one has in a person or thing." During His ministry, Jesus used the words "faith" and "belief" interchangeably. When Jesus appeared to Thomas, following His resurrection, He said to him: "Be not unbelieving, but believing."

In a doubting world, and within our society, it can be said that for one to have faith, one must have evidence of dealing especially with spiritual things.

Though we were not present, when Jesus came into our world, we have read the testimonies of others who bore witness to His miracles and His teachings. It is in these testimonies that those who truly seek the Lord in their lives, will find the assurance and trust when the "Word was made flesh," He dwelt among us.

It is at this time, where a rebirth take place, where we have a deeper faith and belief in an unseen God. "Blessed are those who have not seen but yet believe."

It is at the close of the Gospel of John 20:30-31, we read the following: "Many other signs therefore Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Gon of God; and that in believing you may have life in His name."

Jesus reminds us in John 8:24 that "Unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins."

It can also be said that many people are "out of touch" with their true and spiritual self; that God cannot be felt or experienced and that the truth of the existence of God cannot easily be understood. Finally, it can be said, that without faith or belief in God and through His Son Jesus, so many individuals will go through life without a compass to point their true path back home and is like a boat without a rudder to steer oneself through the sea of vain desires illusions and false concepts of life.

But yet throughout the history of the Bible, God revealed himself to those who sought him by faith. It is by faith, that one believes that God created the heavens and the earth. It was by faith that Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. It was by faith, that Noah trusted in God's directive to build an ark. It was by faith, that Abraham obeyed God when God called him out to go to a strange land where he would receive his inheritance It was by faith that Abraham, when tested by God, was willing to sacrifice His son Isaac and it was by faith, that Moses went forth from God's assurance and delivered the children of Israel from the hand of the Pharoah. These are but a few of the examples of God's blessings of one who had faith, and trust in God.

When we look in the New Testament, we find that the word "faith" is mentioned as a verb 217 times and as a noun 227 times. Time and time again we hear the words of Jesus who said: "Your faith has made you whole", or "by your faith you have been saved." Faith is so powerful, that Jesus said if one has faith the size of a mustard seed, mountains can be moved.

In Hebrews 11:6, Paul writes: "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that God is a rewarder of those who seek Him."

In the Gospel of Mark 16:16, Jesus teaches: "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved: but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."

You know, that when you have faith in God, you don't have to worry about the future for you just know that it's all in His hands and that you just go out, do your best and the Lord will do the rest.

Faith brings about many things. Faith brings about belief, it brings about knowledge and wisdom

and it brings about peace. It has been said that the beginning of wisdom begins with faith.

The word "faith" exists in all religions and all faiths, and it is the cornerstone of knowing God.

In Judaism, we read from Isaiah the prophet 7:9, who wrote: "Unless you have believed, you will not understand."

In Christianity, we read from Gospel of John 6:28-29: "And they said to Him [Jesus]. "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?": Jesus answered them and said: 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him who He has sent."

In Islam, we read from the Quran: "Put your trust on the Exalted in might, the Merciful who sees you standing forth in prayer, and your movements among those who prostrate themselves. For it is He who hears and sees all things."

In Buddhism, from the Sutta Nipata, we read: "By faith you shall be free, and you will go beyond the world of death."

In Hinduism, from the Rig Veda we read: "Faith is composed of the heart's intention. Light come through faith and that a man of faith, absorbed in faith, with his senses controlled, attains knowledge, and with knowledge attained, quickly finds supreme peace. But the ignorant man, who is without faith, goes doubting to his own destruction. For the doubting self, there is neither this world, not the next, nor joy."

My dear brothers and sisters: Paul spoke in Romans 10:17: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

As Christians, baptized into the Christian faith, may we seek God daily first by prayer. May we all be assured by the words found in the Book of Proverbs that when it comes to faith "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and He will make straight your path.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love." - Ephesians 3:16-17



THE PARABLES OF JESUS CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

During His short ministry, Jesus told stories, or parables to people, about the Kingdom of God, in terms that connected the temporal with the Eternal. In His teachings, He taught that the Kingdom of God is within oneself and that it is through one's discovery that we bring others to know Him.

The following are but excerpts of His teachings concerning the coming of the Kingdom of God:

Mark 4:26-29

"And He was saying, 'The Kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grow; how, he himself does not know. The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head."

Matthew 13:44-46

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man finds and hides again; and from joy over it, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Mark 4:30-34

"And He said, 'How shall we picture the Kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade."

Matthew 13:47-52

"Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea and gathering fish of every kind; and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. So, it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous."

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained five more talents." (Continue to read).

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the Kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them."

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus *said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. "For this reason, the Kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves." (Continue to read)

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, "The Kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come."

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The Kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also."

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace." (Continue to read)



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours 9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(June 17th – June 22nd)

Mon. 6/17 Private Prayer and Meditation.

Harvey, Abbot

Nicander & Marcian, Martyrs Hypatius of Bithynia, Abbot

Tue. 6/18 Mass of Health & Healing

Ephraem of Syrian, Confessor

Amandus, Bishop

Mark & Marcellian, Doctor & Martyr

Wed. 6/19 Mass of Thanksgiving

Juliana Falconieri, Virgin

Deodatus, Bishop

Bruno of Querfurt, Martyr

Thurs. 6/20 Mass to the Holy Saints & Martyrs

Silverius of Rome, Bishop & Martyr

Bain, Bishop

Adalbert of Magdeburg, Bishop

Fri. 6/21 Mass to the Holy Angels of God

Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor Eusebius of Samosata, B & M

Ralph, Bishop

Sat. 6/22 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus

Alban, Priest & Martyr

Paulinus of Nola, Bishop & Writer

Nicetas of Remesiana, B & Writer



SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 The Angel Garden Club of HNJ to meet

I wish to thank Eric D., Josh T. and Jim Winn for disassembling the Parish pool, Eric D. for cutting down many of the bushes surrounding the Parish garage and Braeden T. for the mowing of the church proper. May God bless all our efforts.



"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."
- Philippians 2:4

OUR PARISH OUTREACH

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for Me."

- Matthew 25:40

Our Food Ministry: "Feed the Hungry"

The next date for giving out groceries will be on Saturday, July 20th from 10:00 am till noon, while supplies last.

I want to thank Mary Tudryn who volunteered her time this month handing out groceries.

HELPING TO CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED

"I was naked, and you clothed me." - Mt 25:36

As we continue to develop our Parish Outreach programs, it was decided that we would set up a collection bin, in the vestibule of our church, to help those in need, by collecting **new packages of underwear and socks for men, women and children**. If you are able, please consider helping us, to help others, by donating through donations or monetary contributions. May God bless all our efforts and endeavors.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 12th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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 or ill and pray for God's blessings of health and healing to rest upon them.

Every Tuesday, depending upon the Liturgical Calendar, or the Ordo of the PNCC, a Holy Mass of Health and Healing is celebrated. At present, at this Holy Mass, we place upon our sacrifical altar, the names of over 50 of our brothers and sisters, who are remembered and prayed for.

In our prayers, we remember with love those who are currently in health care facilities;

Pauline Puchalski George Sadowski Joe Kisloski

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 illnessness 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

PARISH OBLIGATIONS

The following are the current Parish dues for single members and family units. According, the following represent the annual dues to be a member or members of our Parish, Holy Name of Jesus in "good standing." Presently, our current dues are:

Single Unit

Under 65 years of age: \$310.00 Over 65 years of age: \$290.00

Family Unit

Under 65 years of age: \$555.00 Over 65 years of age: \$530.00

It should be noted that the requirements of being a member in "good standing" in the PNCC is found in the Constitution of the PNCC. This not only includes the financial support of the Parish, but also includes the fulfilling of the spiritual obligations of attending church and receiving the Sacraments.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION CALL TO PRAYER

During the month of June 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 every **Wednesday** at noon:

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, We humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

JULY 11, 2021

The Eastern Diocese of the PNCC will hold its Annual Vesper service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH on Sunday, July 9, 2024, at 3:30 pm. Following vespers there will be a diocesan cookout at the Woodbound Inn. There is no charge for this reception. Parishes are asked to announce this function. A deadline of July 5th has been posted. Those wishing to participate are asked to contact Father Koerber.



REFLECTIONS ON THE SOLEMNITIES OF THE PNCC

A "solemnity" as defined in the dictionary as a "formal, dignified rite or ceremony."

In the PNCC, there are certain solemnities which are celebrated every year. They include:

Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC

On the Second Sunday of March, the PNCC celebrates the Institution of the PNCC to reflect its organization under our First Prime Bishop, Franciszek (Francis Hodur) in March of 1897.

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

On the Second Sunday of September, the PNCC celebrates the Solemnity of Brotherly Love.

Solemnity of the Christian Family

On the Second Sunday in October, the PNCC celebrates the Solemnity of the Christian Family, placing an emphasis on the family.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

Following Christmas, the PNCC celebrates the Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, who were called to witness the Nativity of our Lord.

SOME REFLECTION ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE WORD OF GOD

I had the opportunity last Sunday to travel to our sister Parish in Woonsocket, RI, as Our Savior PNCC Parish celebrated its 100th anniversary of their beginnings as a Christian / Catholic community in 1924.

On this day, our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski, the Very Rev. Rob Nemkovich, Jr., the Pastor of Our Savior Parish, the Rev. Dr. Henryk Wos, and members of the clergy of the Eastern Diocese who gathered and con-celebrated Holy Mass with Bishop Paul.

Following the readings of Holy Scripture, our Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky delivered his sermon on the importance of this day.

Among the words that he spoke on this occasion, he talked about the two disciples, who met our Lord, on a road to Emmaus, following His Resurrection as found in the Gospel of Luke 24:32. He quoted the words of these two disciples of Jesus: "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Our Prime Bishop pointed out that the first written accounts of the life of Jesus, did not take place until some 25 years following the Resurrection of the Lord and that the early Christians did not have the written Word to rely upon, but that the Church did grow through the indwelling spirit.

We are reminded today that the "Kingdom of God" is found within oneself. May we all seek to better understand that which is within each of us.