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**TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

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



Today, prior to Holy Mass, we honor all veterans, who have served our great nation, with the reciting of the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the singing of our National Anthem, “O Say Can You See.” Tomorrow, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, American nation will officially celebrate Veterans Day, which is a National Observance, dedicated to all veterans.



**ENTRANCE HYMN**

(Sirach 29:11-12; Tobit 12:8c-9a)

- V. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. Store up almsgiving in your treasure house, and it will save you from every evil.
- R. It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin.
- 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: Almighty God, may our eyes be open to the needs of others. Infuse our hearts with Your divine charity, so that we may become agents of Your healing mercy. 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 FIRST BOOK OF  
 KINGS (1 Kings 17:10-16)**

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was

collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

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

**GRADUAL**  
(Sirach 35:9-10; Tobit 4:8b)

- V. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one Who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.**
- R. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance; if you have but little, distribute even some of that.**



**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS**  
(Hebrews 9:24-28)

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

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

**ALLELUIA VERSE**  
(Sirach 3:29)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
V. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK**  
(Mark 12:38-44)

- C. The Lord be with you.  
R. And also with you.  
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark  
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.**

In the course of His teaching, Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling His disciples to Himself, He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

**C: 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**  
 (Sirach 14:11)

V. My son, use freely whatever you have and enjoy  
 it as best you can.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

C. Lord, our God, Your mercy supplies our every  
 need. Accept our oblation which we freely and  
 thankfully place before You. May we in turn  
 realize that we are truly rich only when we are  
 truly Yours. 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**

C. 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.

R. Amen.

**COMMUNION VERSE**

(Sirach 35:2)

V: In works of charity one offers fine flour, and when  
 he gives alms he presents his sacrifice of praise.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, as You have come  
 to us in this holy sacrifice, You come again to save  
 those who await You. Let us live our lives in  
 anticipation of Your Kingdom. For You live and  
 reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



**THE WIDOW' MITE**  
**THE GREATEST OF ALL GIFTS – YOURSELF**

In today's Gospel, we hear of the story of a poor  
 widow and her giving of two coins or mites. This story  
 is found in both the Gospels of Mark 12:42-44 and  
 Luke 21:1-4.

We hear that Jesus was sitting in the Temple one  
 day near a collection box. Many people came in and  
 dropped their offerings for the temple. Those who  
 were rich put in large amounts, but this poor widow  
 had given only two small coins. These coins were also

known as a “leptons.” Its value was about 1/64 of a denarius or one-eighth of a cent. A denarius was considered the average day’s wage for a commoner,

Jesus’ comment to His disciples was that the widow had put in more than the other people. The majority had put in out of their excesses, she had given all that she had.

As we learn in scripture, Jesus, and many of the religious leaders of his day did not get along. Jesus saw their hypocrisy and, in many instances, would call them out. It could be said because of His truthfulness, the religious leaders saw in Jesus a threat and in the end, they were the ones who were instrumental in His death by crucifixion. It is ironic that Jesus would condemn the scribes in these words and afterward a widow comes into to the temple.

**“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”** (Mark 12:38-40.)

So, what can we learn from today’s story:

### Lesson #1: The attitude of one’s heart

The scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees had shown by their actions that their hearts were in the wrong place. We see this in Jesus’ condemnation of their attitudes in Matthew 23. Though they appeared to follow the Law of Moses, they were arrogant in their dealings with other people and their hearts lacked mercy and compassion. The poor widow, in comparison, understood true sacrifice. She loved God so much in her heart, that she gave Him all she had.

### Lesson #2: Faith

Jesus watched the people as they made their offering. And yet, it was this poor widow’s offering that was significant to Him. As a widow, she would have been dependent on the generosity of those others as outlined in **Deuteronomy 24:19-21**. There was no social security in the days of Jesus. The significance and importance of her offering was that she could have used this offering in other ways. Did she not consider her offering that could have been used to

purchase something she really needed for survival? Did she not consider hiding it away for a time for some greater need? The Bible does not say. What we do know is that her ultimate decision was to bring it to the Temple.

This poor woman gave all she had, once those two coins dropped into the box, that was it. There was nothing else to sustain her. I am sure she had no accumulated wealth. The widow gave, not because she could, but because she wanted to. It was a sacrifice out of love for her God.

Though she was poor, she became an example of living her faith. By giving of this gift, she displayed her belief that God would supply all her needs. This is faith.

Jesus was to remind His followers these important words as found in Matthew 6:25,33: “Take no thought of what you will eat or what you will drink or what you will put on. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.”

As Christians, we are all called upon to live in a certain manner: not to deceive others or pretend we are better than others. In 1 Peter 2:9, we read: **“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”** Our Lord, Jesus Christ calls each of us to be not only His witnesses on earth but also His disciples.

Jesus showed us by example the way God would have us live. This became apparent in the early Christian community as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:44-47: **“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”**

As children of God, we are called upon to make our lives as living sacrifices to the Father and to glorify Him as His only begotten Son Jesus did.

Jesus gives to all of us this day, in the story of the widow the cost of true discipleship and stewardship. The truth that Jesus taught is that God is more concerned with the state of one's heart when we give than He is with the amount that we offer. In the end, it can be said that when our hearts are centered on God, everything else will fall into place.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” - Romans 12:1



## **THE HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY**

**World War I** – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration of Veterans Day, was for a day to be observed with parades and a suspension of all public meetings and a brief suspension of all business, which began at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926;

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday:

**Therefore,** be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed on October 25, 1971. On September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

### **Some quick facts about our veterans:**

1. Veterans are people who served in the military (US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard) in times of war or peace.
2. Currently, there are less than 120,000 who served all through World War II, one million veterans who served in the Korean War, and about six million who served in the Vietnam War. Each year there is a significant drop in living veterans.

3. In the United States, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 every year, the same day that World War I hostilities formally ended (at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The holiday was originally known as Armistice Day before President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially renamed it Veterans Day in 1954.
4. Veterans Day, which pays tribute to all veterans, both living or dead, differs from Memorial Day, during which we pay tribute to those who lost their lives in combat.
5. There are over two million female veterans currently living in the US.
6. Presently there are over 14 million male veterans who are presently living
7. The states with the highest veteran populations are California (1.56 million), Texas (1.46 million), and Florida (1.44 million).
8. Presently, the unemployment rate for veterans who served post-9/11 was 3.5% — the lowest recorded rate since 2008.
9. There are over 11.7 million veterans who are over the age of 65, which is about 61% of all veterans and climbing each year.
10. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, as of 2024, there are over 47,925 veterans who are homeless an increase of over 16.9 %. Presently there are over 15,507 veterans living without any shelter.
11. According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs there are over 70% of veterans experiencing homelessness as well as experiencing substance abuse, and over 50% live with mental illnesses like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

May we all be grateful for the service that all our veterans, both men and women have given to our great nation and may we all and offer our prayers for both the living and the faithful departed. Other veteran facts:

- **Demographics:** According to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), there are over 20.5 million U.S. veterans and over 9 million of them who are enrolled with various VA health services, which include 170 VA Medical Centers and 1,063 outpatient sites. While many veterans come in for standard care and more serious illnesses like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer, there are also battle issues unique to their service for our country: "Veterans experience mental health disorders, substance use disorders, post-traumatic stress, and traumatic brain injury at much higher rates as compared to their civilian counterparts," says Maria Olenick, PhD, RN, and Professor at Florida International University. Over the span of a year, more than 1.1 million veterans were treated for mental health issues, according to a study published in the *American Journal of Public Health*. Their illnesses can include depression, substance use disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia or bipolar disorder to name but a few.
- **Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD):** In the American Civil War it was known as "soldier's heart." During World War I, it was known as "shell shock" In WW2 it was known as "combat fatigue and beginning in 1980, the American Psychiatric Association gave this condition another name; Post-traumatic stress disorder with symptoms such as flashbacks to traumatic events, nightmares, sleeplessness, anxiety, and depression. PTSD is one of the most common health issues vets experience, says Olenick. Trauma-induced stress is almost four times more often than in civilians; 36 percent of male veterans versus 8 percent of non-veterans,
- **Traumatic brain injury:** with the use of Improvised Explosive Devices of IED's, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can result. With the result of a significant blow to the head or body. Symptoms can include severe headaches, fatigue, drowsiness, memory problems, and mood changes and mood swings," according to the National Alliance of

**Mental Illness.** While a mild concussion is most common, "there are actual changes to the brain that occur from an even a mild traumatic brain injury," says Olenick.

- **Chronic pain:** Sadly, chronic pain is one of the most reported symptoms by veterans returning from recent overseas military actions, according to the NIH: It is reported that over 82 percent of veterans that returned from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom reported chronic pain. Recent studies published in the journal *Medicine*—reveals a link between chronic pain and substance abuse.
- **Substance use disorders (SUDs):** Military service is stressful, and that stress has been shown to increase the risk of veterans having issues with drugs, alcohol and nicotine abuse. In many veterans, SUDs co-exist with other conditions like pain, depression, and insomnia. SUDs can lead to increased risk of suicide, with one study of military personnel suggesting that 30 percent of all suicides among veterans were preceded by alcohol or drug use.
- **Suicide:** According to 2021 Brown University study, it is estimated that over 30,177 veterans of post 9/11 conflicts have committed suicide. This rate of suicide among veterans is 1.5 times higher than the non-veteran population. More than two-thirds of male veterans used a gun.
- **Amputations:** Since 2010, it has been reported by the Federation of American Scientists, that over 1600 veterans have suffered the loss of major limbs from amputation due to battle injury, While advances in emergency care has improved survival rates for soldiers, amputation is still a risk and can lead to trauma, personal distress, anxiety, and depression, along with substance abuse.
- **Hazardous exposures:** In various military conflicts, U.S. veterans have been exposed to extremely dangerous substances—from mustard gas in World War I to Agent Orange

in Vietnam; there's also severe air pollution from burn pits, smoke, and the dust of battle. According to the VA, these exposures can raise the risk of health problems years later. Veterans of the Gulf War continue to suffer from mysterious chronic illnesses; it will take some time before veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan can know the health consequences of the various substances to which they were exposed during service.



### **OUR PARISH CALENDAR**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

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| <b>Mon. 11/11</b>   | <b>Veterans' Day- USA</b><br>Martin of Tours, Bishop<br>Tehodore of Studite, Abbot<br>Mennas, Martyr   |
| <b>Tue. 11/12</b>   | <b>Private Prayer and Devotion</b><br>Martin of Rome, Bishop & Martyr<br>Benedict of Beneventot and companions,<br>Martyrs<br>Astrik of Hungary      |
| <b>Wed. 11/13</b>   | <b>Mass of Health and Healing</b><br>Stanislaus Kostka, Confessor<br>Arcadius & Companions, Martyrs<br>Brice of Tours, Bishop                        |
| <b>Thurs. 11/14</b> | <b>Mass to the Most Saints of God</b><br>Josephat of Polotsk, Bishop & Martyr<br>Dubricius, Bishop<br>Laurence of Dublin, Bishop                     |
| <b>Fri. 11/15</b>   | <b>Mass to the Holy Angels of God</b><br>Leopold of Austria, Prince & Confessor<br>Gurias, Samonas & Abibus, Martyrs<br>Desiderius of Cahors, Bishop |
| <b>Sat. 11/16</b>   | <b>Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus</b><br>Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop<br>Eucherius of Lyon, Bishop<br>Gertrude, Virgin                            |



**NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

**10:30 am** Holy Mass to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.

**12:00 pm** Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at Polish American Citizens Club in South Deerfield, MA.



**HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH PNCC**

**is sponsoring a**

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**to be held on**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon**

**at the**

**POLISH AMERICAN CITIZEN CLUB**

**66 N. Main Street**

**South Deerfield, MA**

**Menu: turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash and dessert.**

**A raffle will also be held**

**Price for tickets: \$18.00**

**(Only 100 tickets will be sold)**

**For more information please contact:**

**Linda Puchalski – 413-657-5362**

**Note:** We are presently accepting donations of gift cards that will be raffled at our Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Please see Sue Dibrindisi with your donation. Thank you.



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

In our prayers, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill, and seek the blessings of God for health and healing.

**Prayer request forms** may be found in the vestibule of our Church.

**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.



**OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS.**

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



**Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”**

**“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Matthew 25: 35.**

The next date for giving out groceries to those in need will be held on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am till noon** or while supplies last.

I wish to also thank all who continue to give donations towards this most special ministry through the giving of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations which helps us in purchasing food. At the present time, we are also using any donation made to the Mission Fund of our Church.



**SOCKS FOR VETERANS**

We have set up bins in our vestibule as well as in our Parish Hall to help collect socks for veterans. John Czyz and I, prior gave socks and gifts to our local veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, MA at Christmas time. A suggestion has been made that all socks and other gifts collected be given to veterans in our community before the Christmas holiday. May God bless all veterans who have served.

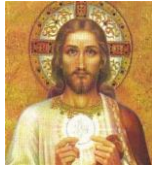




**The Angel Garden Club  
of the Holy Name of Jesus**

The next workday for projects dedicated to the Holy Angel of our garden. will be this Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from **10:00 am till noon** (weather permitting.) An invitation is extended to all to come.

We wish to thank all who have given of their time and effort to accomplish these projects.



**ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**  
**Daily Devotions**

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



**EASTERN DIOCESAN MISSION &  
EVANGELISM COMMISSION**

During the month of November 2024, at noon, may we all pray, that we may all stand strong in our faith and be the ones that God made us to be:

**Let us Pray:** Almighty God, speak to our hearts whenever courage fades. Sustain us with an unyielding trust and steadfast faith, so that we may not be afraid to profess or defend our faith in You. May we stand with the same courage and perseverance of Your holy martyrs as we face the challenges placed before us. Renew us with Your unyielding love and fill us with hope in Your eternal purpose. Enlighten us to look beyond the temporary things of this world to You, the Source of all courage. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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 led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



**DISCIPLESHIP 2024:**

**“KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST”**

The Eastern Diocese will focus on  
**Being Christians Today: Christian Identity,  
Sources of Strength, and Challenges.**

Please join us for the eleventh in a series of virtual

**“Know and Grow” presentations on  
Thursday November 14, 2024,  
at 7:00 PM (EDT).**

**Rev. Adam Piekarczywski will help us to explore  
the topic:**

**“Present-day dangers for the Christian.”**

“What keeps modern day Christians from practicing their faith? In nations opposed to the Gospel, the threat of prison, violence, or death can deter believers. In “freer” societies, busyness, lethargy, materialism, moral relativism, Biblical illiteracy, changing social norms, skepticism, the pursuit of pleasure, and technological distractions can stand in the way of a vibrant walk with Jesus. How can we face these challenges?”

To join via Zoom, please contact:  
revpauls@yahoo.com / ksobiechowski@yahoo.com

**Śp. Lorraine Krusienski**

I share with much sadness the passing of śp. Lorraine Krusienski, the wife of Fr. Sr. Joseph Krushinski, who passed away last Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from a three-year battle with a lung condition that sapped her ability to breathe. Arrangements have not been made to date. Please remember her family.

**“Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.”**