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TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

33rd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

12:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at
P.A.C.C in South Deerfield, MA.

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

(1 Corinthians 15:41-42)

V. The brightness of the sun is one kind, the
brightness of the moon another, and the
brightness of the stars another. For stars differ
from stars in brightness.

R. So also, is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown
corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.

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: Heavenly Father, You call Your
children to the delight of eternity. We thank
You for the joys of this life and magnify Your
Name for the hope that lies beyond. We ask this
in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL

(Daniel 12:1-3)

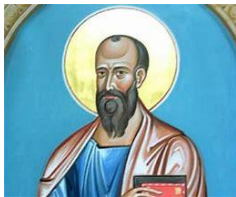
In those days, Daniel heard this word of the Lord:
“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great
prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time

unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time, your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever; others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

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

GRADUAL
(Psalm 68:20-21)

V. Blessed day by day be the Lord, Who hears our burdens; God, Who is our salvation.
R. God is a saving God for us; the Lord, my Lord, controls the passageways of death.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS
(Hebrews 10:11-14, 18)

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this One offered one sacrifice for sins and took His seat forever at the right hand of God; now He waits until His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering, He has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

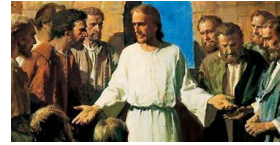
C. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA VERSE
(Matthew 24:21)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK
(Mark 13:24-32)

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.

Jesus said to His disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that He is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

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
 (2 Corinthians 4:18)

- V. As we look not to what is seen but to what unseen
 For what is seen is transitory, but what is seen is
 eternal.
- R. As we look not to what is seen but to what
 unseen. For what is seen is transitory, but
 what is unseen is eternal.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

- C. Lord, our God, through this holy oblation draw
 us closer to You day by day, until at last we
 behold You face to face. 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 You love, my Lord and Savior.
- R. Amen.

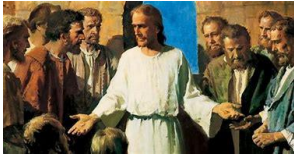


COMMUNION VERSE
 (2 Corinthians 5:10)

- V. For we must all appear before the judgment seat
 of Christ, so that each one may receive
 recompense, according to what he did in the
 body, whether good or evil.

CLOSING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
- C. Let us pray: God, our Father, we bless and extol
 Your Name for You have given us a share of the
 inheritance of Christ. Through this Eucharist,
 may we one day stand in peace and safety, before
 the judgment seat. 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.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

“Jesus said to His disciples: "In those days after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man' coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.”

Prior to the Ascension of our Lord, c. 30 AD, we read from the NT these words taken from the Book of Acts as ascribed to Luke 1:6-7 NRSV

“So when they had come together, they asked Him, ‘Lord, is this the time when You will restore the kingdom to Israel?’”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. (Luke 24: 6-7) NSRV

We also read from the Gospel of Matthew 24:34-36 NRSV:

“Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

THE END OF TIMES

As we come towards the end of the Liturgical Year of the Christian Church, we hear in today’s Gospel, the words of Jesus, who speaks about the “end times.”

There are those who have speculated that this “end time” spoken by Jesus has already begun. Many Christian churches over the years, have reflected on these “end times,” which is also known as “eschatology;” which is a part of theology that concerns death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. Some have also speculated that these “end times” may come from either the heavens, the earth, or from both.

In the madness, chaos and confusion of today’s world, many of the teachings of Jesus, have been ignored. We read in the OT, in the Book of Ecclesiastics 3:1-8 also referred to as the “Preacher,” these words:

- For everything there is a season, and
- A time for every matter under heaven:
- A time to be born, and a time to die;
- A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- A time to kill, and a time to heal;
- A time to break down, and a time to build up;
- A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- A time to seek, and a time to lose;
- A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- A time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- A time to love, and a time to hate;
- A time for war, and a time for peace.

Among these “end times,” we read of the following:



From the heavens: An asteroid

Between Mars and Jupiter, there exists the “Asteroid Belt” which is the home of most asteroids in our solar system. It has been estimated in this asteroid belt there are almost two million asteroids that are one kilometer (0.6 miles) along with millions of smaller ones. Every once and a while, large asteroids will collide with another, changing trajectories and launching them toward our sun and other inner planets in our solar system including earth. It is estimated that the mass of material from meteors that fall on Earth each year range from 37,000-78,000 tons.

One such asteroid, known as the “Chicxulub Impactor,” estimated to be tens of miles wide, hit the earth about sixty-six million years ago off the coast

of Mexico. Its impact with our planet created a “caldera” or bowl, which spanned a distant of 93 miles and 12 miles deep as reported in a recent article from the Harvard Press. Its impact brought an end of the reign of the dinosaurs and created a sudden mass extinction of three-quarters of all the plant and animal species which existed living on Earth.



From the Earth - Volcanoes

Circling our planet, we have the “Ring of Fire” which is a series of volcanoes that have erupted from time to time since the genesis of our planet.

In recent history, there has been the eruption of Tambora (1815) and Krakatoa (1883) in the Sunda straits. Still larger was the eruption of Toba, a “super volcano” some 75,000 year ago, which created a “volcanic winter” and lasted for decades ushering in a world-wide ice-age. It almost led to the total extinction of life as we know it. One well known bowl or “caldera” is located in the Yellowstone National Park. A major volcanic eruption took place some 70,000 years ago and a more recent eruption took place in 1350 BC. Since 1973 Yellowstone has experience over 48,000 earthquakes, which has raised the fears of a massive eruption which would cause the loss of millions of lives and a possible creation of another “volcanic winter.”



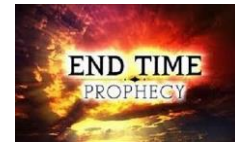
Man’s own doing: Thermonuclear weapons

On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was detonated over the city of Hiroshima, Japan, which yielded an explosion of approximately 15 kilotons of TNT and caused the death of over 100,000 people. Three days later, on August 9, 1945, a second atomic bomb was detonated over the Japanese city of Nagasaki, with a yield of 25 kilotons of TNT which

killed approximately 80,000 people. On November 1, 1952 the United States detonated the first hydrogen bomb with a yield of 10.4 megatons of TNT or 700 times more powerful than the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. On October 31, 1961, Russia detonated the “Tsar Bomba,” with the explosive power of over fifty megatons of TNT.

Today it is estimated that among the superpowers of the United States, Russia, China, England, France, India, Pakistan, North Korea and most likely Israel, there are approximately 12,000 active nuclear warheads with yields of 100,000 kilotons to several million tons of TNT for each device.

With the escalation of hostilities around the world, our world has the power to destroy itself and all humankind many times over. There is also a serious concern over the growing threat of countries such as Iran, in developing nuclear weapons, which can fall into the hands of terrorist groups.



Biblical Prophecy

In the last book of the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, John the Apostle and Evangelist, had a vision of the “end times;” the opening of the Seven seals, the destruction of Satan and the establishment of the Eternal Kingdom of God. Also, the term, the “Great Tribulation” has found its place in describing the “end times.”

It should be noted that Christianity is not the only major religion that deals with the “end of times.” It is also found in the writings and the beliefs of Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam as well as in other faiths such as Zoroastrianism and Taoism.

We profess in the Nicene Creed these words:

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

The Second Coming of Christ or the “Parousia” is the Christian and Muslim belief that Jesus will return to Earth following His Ascension to heaven.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

November 18th – November 25th

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

- Mon. 11/18 Private Prayer and Devotion**
Romanus of Antioch, Doctor & M,
Mawes, Abbot
Odo of Cluny, Abbot
- Tue. 11/19 Mass of Thanksgiving**
Nerses of Armenia, Bishop & M.
Pontian of Rome Bishop & Martyr
Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow
- Wed. 11/20 Mass of Health and Healing**
Dasius of Nicomedia, Martyr
Nerses of Sahgerd, Bishop & M.
Edmund, King & Martyr
- Thurs. 11/21 Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM**
Presentation of the BVM
Gelasius 1 of Rome, Bishop
Albert of Louvain, Bishop & Martyr
- Fri. 11/22 Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Philemon & Apphia of Colossae, NT
Martyrs
Onesimus, Disciple of Paul, NT, M.
- Sat. 11/23 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Clement of Rome, Bishop & Martyr
Amphilochius of Iconium, Bishop
Gregory of Gergenti, Bishop



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am Holy Mass to be celebrated in the Contemporary rite.
10:00 am Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee of Holy Name of Jesus.



REFLECTIONS

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Today, our Parish, will host a Thanksgiving Dinner, beginning at 12:00 Noon which will be held at the Polish American Citizen Club (PACC) here is South Deerfield, MA,

What began as a Parish function has evolved in displaying true Christian charity. Last Sunday, following the lead of one individual, who is not even one of our parishioners, there were many in our congregation who came forward and donated money towards the purchase of tickets that will provide a thanksgiving meal to those less fortunate.

Our menu to include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash and various desserts.

I personally want to thank all the men and women of our Parish, who came out on this past Saturday, to help prepare all the food that will be a part of our Thanksgiving meal as well as all who donated desserts for this occasion.



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 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.



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, December 21st from 10 am till noon** or while supplies last.

I wish to thank Ms. Cheryl Major for helping to distribute free bags of groceries this past Saturday as well as Josh and Mary Tudryn who helped in purchasing groceries. Again, this year, whole turkeys with all their fixings were distributed to those in need. May God bless all our endeavors.



SOCKS FOR VETERANS

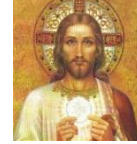
We have set up bins in our vestibule as well as in our Parish Hall to help collect socks for veterans. I recently talked with Mr. John Czyz who is involved in the “Soldier On” program, providing clothing for our local veterans. Our simple ministry of providing socks to our local veterans is but a small but important part of helping others in need. I wish to thank all who have donated socks.



Collecting plastic tops

One of our dear parishioners, Maryanna Foster, who works closely with veterans, has asked for help in collecting plastic tops that will be donated to aid in the making of prosthetics for veterans in need. A collection container has been set up in the vestibule of our church. Please help with this new ministry.

I am happy to announce that this past week Jon Galenski from Galenski landscaping did an excellent “Fall Cleanup” of our Parish property and will soon do a “Fall Cleanup” of our Parish cemetery. I also wish to thank our dear parishioner Cliff Spatcher for his work in installing updates to our Parish heating systems. May God bless.



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 unfailing 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.