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TODAY – JANUARY 19, 2025

2nd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Mass Intention: Sp Wanda J. Koerber (18th Ann. of her passing) offered by son, Fr. Robert Koerber, daughter Joye Koerber, and family members.

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

(John 2:11)

V. Jesus did this as the beginning of His signs in Cana
in Galilee and so revealed His glory,

R. And His disciples began to believe in Him.

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.

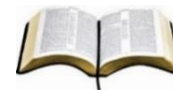
OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty Father, You sent Your Son
to give us an example of holy life on earth. May we
follow Him worthily and direct all our thoughts
and deeds towards You. 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 ISAIAH

THE PROPHET (Isaiah 62:1-5)

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's
sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines
forth like dawn and her victory like a burning
torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and
all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a
new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you “Forsaken,” “or your land “Desolate,” “but you shall be called “My Delight,” “and your land “Espoused.” For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Hebrews 2:4; Psalm 22:26)

V. God added his testimony by signs, wonders and various acts of power, and distribution of the gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His will.

R. I will offer praise in the great assembly; my vows I will fulfill before those who fear Him.



A READING FROM THE 1st LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(John 8:12b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Jn 2:1-11



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

(John 1:29-34)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So, they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So, they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had drawn the water knew, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him.

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 **(Revelation 19:9a)**

V. Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sanctify these gifts, Lord our God, and cleanse us from the stain of sin. May we always be prepared to

enter the wedding feast of the Lamb We ask through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 **(Psalm 19:2)**

V. The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky proclaims its builder's craft.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty Father, You gave Your Son the power to perform signs and miracles. Through the mystery of this Holy Eucharist, may we rejoice with Him as we obey His Word. 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.



THE GIFT OF HEALING IN THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone; to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit.”
-1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 9

We find, in today's second reading, from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, that the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the "Body of Christ" which is the Church of the many gifts, including the healing power of Christ. We are reminded:

"Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."
- Matthew 10:1

"And He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases."
- Luke 9:1

Following the Pentecost experience, we read in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:43; 5:12) that "many signs and wonders were performed by the Apostles". Among the many miracles, we read that Peter & John healed a crippled man. (Acts 3:1-11), Stephen performs many amazing miracles and signs (Acts 6:8), and Philip was to cast out demons and healed the lame (Acts 8:7; 8:13).

The gift of the healing of the sick by Paul was also recorded in Acts. We read in Acts 19:11-12, that "God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them." Among some of these miracles we read that in Iconium (Acts 14:3); Paul along with Silas, healed a cripple man (Acts 14:8-10), Paul casted out a demon (Acts 16:16-18), Paul raised Eutychus from the dead (Acts 20:9-12), and Paul raised Dorcas /Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-43).

In Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 12:1-4, 9b written c. 54 AD, he writes concerning the ministry of healing. "Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit."

In the Epistle of St. James 5:14, we see the genesis of the Sacrament of Holy Unction. "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. "

The ministry of the healing of the sick is found in both the Western and Eastern rites of the Christian church, as well as in the Protestant, Pentecostal and other charismatic movements. Christians believe that God has made provisions that physical healing would be a ministry of His church and that gifts of healings would operate along with the faith of the individual and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



MONDAY, JANUARY 20th
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On Monday, our nation will pause to remember the work, and the struggle, of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an American Baptist minister, an activist, a political philosopher and one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

Dr. King's ministry was one of "non- violence" and peaceful demonstrations. As an ordained minister, His struggles were patterned upon the "Good News" of Jesus as well as upon the views of "Mahātmā" Mohandas Gandhi, whom he greatly admired.

It should be noted that "Mahātmā" in Sanskrit, is translated to "great soul" in the Hindu faith and was given to Gandhi, the "Father of India," out of respect and devotion. Gandhi led the epic struggle for independence against British colonialism and a divided India, between the Hindus and Moslems in the 20th century. Both these great individuals would be assassinated for the truth and freedom they believed in and sought after; Mahatma Gandhi would be assassinated on January 30, 1948 in New Delhi, India and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN.

During his life, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. became influential in raising the social consciousness of our great American nation, and the need for social equality, justice and mutual respect among all people. He was an advocate, not only for social justice, but also for those of the African American communities, who were segregated and discriminated against from the beginning in the history of America.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fought tirelessly for voting rights amid the Jim Crow laws of the south. Along with Ralph Abernathy, Ray Lewis and others, he would gather at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963 over 250,000 people and deliver his infamous "I Have a Dream" speech. He was finally influential in having President Lyndon Johnson write into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
SAINT AGNES – VIRGIN & MARTYR

St. Agnes of Rome was born c. 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was raised by a wealthy family and was known for her beauty. It is said that she was sought after in marriage by many high-ranking individuals. However, according to tradition, Agnes made a promise to God to be chaste. Her love for the Lord was so great, that it was said, that whenever a man proposed to Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to tradition, it is said, that many men she turned down became so angry, that they began to mention her name to authorities as a Christian follower.

In great anger, a man named Procop, accused her of being a Christian, and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny her God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but it is said that the face of Agnes shone with the joy of the Lord.

Next, he sent her to a brothel, but it is said that an angel protected her from being raped. At last, she was finally condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. She did not pay attention to her fate. It has been recorded that Agnes, upon going to her death, said: "I would offend My Spouse, if I were to try to please you. He chose me first."

Agnes was first tied to a stake, but the wood would not burn, nor the flames came to her. An order was given finally to a Roman officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is said that her blood, which poured out in the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by fellow Christians. She died as a virgin and a martyr, at the age of 13 on January 21, 304 AD during the reign of Roman emperor Diocletian, who tirelessly worked for the death of all Christians.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, of rape survivors and the children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th
FEAST - CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

One the most important milestones of the early Christian Church was the **Conversion of St. Paul** as found in the Acts of the Apostles, attributed to the Evangelist and disciple of the Lord, Saint Luke.

In Acts 9:1-9, we read of this remarkable event:

"Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder, against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem."

"Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

"The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so, they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank."

The word “conversion” is defined as:

- the process of changing or causing something to change from one form to another:
- the fact of changing one's religion or beliefs or the action of persuading someone else to change theirs:

How true this definition holds, that Paul, a persecutor in the beginning, of the followers of “the Way,” as mentioned in Acts 11:26 came as a Pharisee, a doctor of the Law, to be converted by Jesus.

Towards the end of Paul’s life, we again hear the story of this conversion as Paul is brought before King Agrippa II as found in Acts 25 -26. It is believed that St. Luke, served as a defender of Paul who was put on trial and eventually martyred in Rome during the reign of Nero c. 67 AD. But who was King Agrippa II and where do we find him in the N.T.?



THE HERODIAN DYNASTY

In ancient history, we find, that from the House of Herod, there were two kings who were known as “Agrippa.” The first was **King Agrippa I**, who reigned over Judea c. 41-44 AD. He was the grandson of **Herod the Great**. He is also the one who had the Apostle James killed as well as imprisoning Peter as we read in Acts 12:1-3.

Now **Herod the Great** was the one whom the Magi approached, as we read in Matthew 2:2, and asked: “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed His star at its rising?” We also read that it was Herod the Great who eventually ordered the “massacre” of all male children under the age of 2 as we read in Matthew 2:16.

One of the sons of **Herod the Great** was **King Herod Antipas** who reigned until c. 38 AD. Also known as **Herod the Tetrarch**, he was the one whose ordered the beheading of John the Baptist as we read in Matthew 14:1-12. and the one who met with Jesus prior to His crucifixion as we read in Luke 23:5–12).

The son of King Agrippa I was **King Agrippa II** who reigned c. 50-93 AD. He was the one who was

appointed by the Roman procurator Festus to hear St. Paul’s defense as we read in Acts 24-25.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

January 20th – January 26th

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

- Mon. 1/20** **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Private Prayer & Meditation
Fabian, Bishop & Sebastian, Martyr
Euthymius the Great, Abbot
Fechin of Fore, Abbot
- Tue. 1/21** **Mass of Thanksgiving**
Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Meinrad of Einsiedeln, Martyr
Epiphanius of Pavia, Bishop
- Wed. 1/22** **Mass of Health & Healing**
Vincent of Saragossa, Doctor & Martyr
Anastasius the Persian, Martyr
Dominic of Sora, Abbot
- Thurs. 1/23** **Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
John the Almsgiver, Bishop
Bernard of Vienne, Bishop
Asclas, Martyr
- Fri. 1/24** **Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Timothy, Bishop, NT
Babylas of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Felician, Bishop & Martyr
- Sat. 1/25** **Feast – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
Conversion of Paul
Juventius & Maximinus, Martyr
Apollo, Abbot

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

**3rd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY**

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist in the
Contemporary Rite of the PNCC.**

**10:00 am – Monthly meeting of the Parish
Committee.**

Please note: A special collection will be taken for the Music Scholarship Program of the PNCC.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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

Let especially remember our dear brothers and sisters;

George Sadowski – who is presently at the North Quabbin Rehab Center in Athol, MA

Wayne Shaw – Presently residing at home.

Karen Herzig – Currently residing at home.

Through various privacy laws, I am hesitant to mention others, respecting their privacy. A complete list of names whom we pray for, are mentioned during our weekly Mass of Health and Healing.

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

As Pastor, of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC, I am so proud of our Parish family, here in South Deerfield, who throughout the past year of 2024, supported and became deeply involved themselves into so many “outreach” programs in helping others: from donating non-perishable food items for our monthly “grocery giveaways,” to being involved in other ministries, such as “Adopt-A-Family,” the “Warm the Children” and “Socks for Vets” programs. I also

want to thank all those who made monetary donations this past year to help others. May God bless all our endeavors.

We continue to ask in this New Year of 2025 for assistance and donations, if possible, for non-perishable food items that may be left in our Parish Hall. We are also currently collecting toiletries for **“survival kits,”** for the Northampton Survival Center which may be left in the vestibule of our church. A flyer of these needs of personal toiletries, etc. may be found in the vestibule of the church.

For monetary donations, personal checks may be made out to **“Holy Name of Jesus PNCC.”** with the memo **“HNJ Mission Fund.”** May God bless all our endeavors as we strive to help others in need.



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

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

The next date for helping those in need will be held on **Saturday, February 15th,** from **10 am** while supplies last.

I want to thank Josh and Mary Tudryn for helping with this month’s food giveaway.

Again, we ask for the assistance of our parishioners and friends if possible in donating non-perishable food items that are used in our monthly food ministry.



Collecting plastic tops

One of our dear parishioners, Maryanna Foster, who works closely with veterans, has asked for our help in collecting **white or clear plastic bottle 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 donate your plastic tops to this new ministry. May God bless all of our endeavors.



Can Soda Tabs

As most of you know, we are also collecting tabs from soda cans that are then donated to aid the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled children. Please save your can soda tabs. There are containers that are located in our Parish vestibule for this purpose. Thank you for your help and may God bless.



BLESSING OF HOMES

I will continue this week to visit the homes of our parishioners for the traditional blessing with chalk. If you wish to have your home blessed this year, I will be placing calls for blessings.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION WEDNESDAYS AT NOON – CALL TO PRAYER

On Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon, during the month of January, a “call to prayer” the following two prayers are said.

Let us Pray: O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who said: “Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you,” give, we ask You, the grace of Your most divine love, that with all our hearts, words and works we may love you and never cease to praise You. May we revere and love Your Holy Name for You will fail to govern those whom You establish in Your love. You live and reign for ever and ever. 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.

It should also be noted that the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission have dedicated this year to study in depth the personage of Jesus Christ through its monthly “**Grow in Christ and Know Your Faith**” which is held via Zoom every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 am.



SOME THOUGHTS OF Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
- “Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude.”
- “I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”
- “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
- “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”
- “Never succumb to the temptation of bitterness.”
- “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
- “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”
- “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”
- “There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right.”
- “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.”
- “We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.”