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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the traditional rite of the Liturgy of the PNCC.

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 John 3:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

V. You, who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
R. Say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my
God, in Whom I trust.”

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
V. Let us pray. Almighty God, our Father, You
revealed the glory of Your Son and admonished
us to hear His Word. Help us to draw together in
faith and love and to proclaim Him as our Lord
and Savior. We ask this through the same Jesus
Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
R. Amen .



LITURGY OF THE WORD

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS
(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)**

The Lord God took Abram outside and said,
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so,” He added, “shall your descendants be.”
Abram put his faith in the LORD,
who credited it to him, as an act of righteousness.
and He then said to him, “I am the LORD who
brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you
this land as a possession.” “O Lord GOD,” he
asked, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?”
He answered him, “Bring me a three-year-old
heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old
ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”
Abram brought him all these, split them in two,
and placed each half opposite the other;
but the birds he did not cut up.
Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses,
but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about
to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep,
terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun
had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking
fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between
those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD

made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

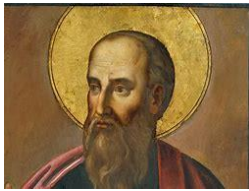
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 25:8-9)

V. Good and upright is the Lord, Who shows sinners the way.

R. Who guides the humble rightly, and teaches the humble the way.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

(Philippians 3:17 - 4:1)

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way, stand firm in the Lord.

TRACT

(Psalm 27:8-9)

V. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face;” Your face, Lord, do I seek!

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(Luke 9:28b-36)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with Him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him. As they were about to part from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is My chosen Son; listen to Him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

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
 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 104:31)

V. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may
 the Lord be glad in these works.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, we offer You that sacrifice which
 Jesus has made. May we, who share these gifts, be
 filled with Your peace and love. We ask this through
 the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

COMMUNION VERSE
 (Matthew 17:5b)

V. This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well
 pleased; listen to Him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

V. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
 V. Let us pray. Lord, our God, You have refreshed
 us with these Holy Mysteries, give us the grace to
 always serve You faithfully that we may at find
 ourselves in Your glorified presence. 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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

**Transfigure – “to transform into something
 more beautiful or elevated.”**

On this Sunday, as found in the Common
 Lectionary of many Christian denominations of
 the Christian faith, the Gospel of Saint Luke,
 speaks of the **“Transfiguration of Jesus.”**

The account of the “Transfiguration of Jesus” is
 found in the “Synoptic Gospels” of Matthew 17:1–
 8; Mark 9:2–8, and as proclaim today, in Luke 9:28–
 36. The manifestation of the “Transfiguration of
 Jesus” is also mentioned in the 2nd Epistle of Peter
 (1:16–18).

It should be noted that the “Transfiguration of
 Jesus,” took place towards the end of His life and
 public ministry and was witnessed prior to His
 Passion.

Jesus, later in His ministry, eventually spoke to His
 Apostles of His coming death. The announcement of
 His dying, at only 33 years of age, must have shaken
 the very cores of their being

We read in Matthew 16:21: “From that time on,
 Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to
 Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands
 of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be
 killed, and on the third day be raised. “

We continue to read in Matthew that Peter, took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

How Jesus must have been shocked, but not surprised, that among His first chosen, Peter was to “rebuke” his Teacher and his Lord.

How all of His first chosen must have similar thoughts to hear this statement with amazement To this Jesus turned and said to Peter: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things, but on human things.”

As one of His first chosen, Peter saw the power of God as manifested in His miracles and through His teachings. How could the Messiah, God’s chosen One, suffer and die as Jesus had predicted?

But yet, There may also have been doubt by some of the Apostle who wondered if Jesus was truly the Messiah without establishing “the kingdom of God on earth.”

Before we continue, let us look at the concept of the “Messiah,” the Anointed One of God.



THE MESSIAH
John 1:35-42

“The next day John [the Baptizer] again was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walked by, and exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” Two of John’s disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” which translated means Teacher, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew,

Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated as Anointed.” He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Jewish understanding is that the Messiah, in Hebrew מָשִׁיחַ, *māšīah*, or the “Anointed One” of God, would fulfill three roles: that of being a **king**, a **priest** and a **prophet**. It has been said that a **king** would represent God in guiding and governing His people, a **priest** would represent his people before God and a **prophet** would be God’s spokesman.

As background, let us reflect on the opening biblical verses of St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews:

” In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, He spoke to us through a son, whom He made heir of all things and through whom He created the universe.” - Hebrews 1:1-2

The Messiah as King in the Old Testament

(Read Deuteronomy 17: 14-20)

The very concept of the Messiah as King, is first noted in Genesis 49:10:

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between His feet, until He comes to whom it belongs, and the obedience of the nations is His.”

“And Jehu, the son of Nimshi you will anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah, you will anoint to be prophet in your room.” - 1 Kings 19:16

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel; a ruler will come out of Jacob.”

- Numbers 24:17, 19

“You are My Son, today I have become Your Father. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter, You will dash them to pieces like pottery - Psalm 2:7-9

“Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim is My helmet, Judah My scepter.” - Psalm 60:7

“Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen One in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth.” - Isaiah 42:1,4:

The Messiah as Priest of the Most High

(Read Deuteronomy 18:1-5)

The Messiah, would fulfill the role of the “Eternal High Priest” which finds its roots in the Book of Genesis 14, with the story of Melchizedek:

“Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High.” - Genesis 14:18

“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.’” - Psalm 110:4

Melchizedek represents the eternal priesthood that God ordained.

We later find in the book of Exodus, the establishment of the Priesthood of the Israelites:

“Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and there wash them with water. Clothe Aaron with the sacred vestments and anoint him, thus consecrating him as my priest. Bring forward his sons also and clothe them with tunics. As you have anointed their father, anoint them also as my priests. Thus, by being anointed, shall they receive a perpetual priesthood throughout all future generations.” - Exodus 40:12-15.

We have a clearer understanding of the Messiah [Jesus] would fulfill this role. As we read in Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 7:22-28:

“To that same degree has Jesus [also] become the guarantee of an [even] better covenant. Those priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but He, because He remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, He is always able to save those who approach God through Him, since He lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent,

undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did that once for all when he offered Himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.”

The Messiah as being a Prophet of God

(Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

In Holy Scripture, we find that the religious leaders looked for a Messiah who would fulfill the third requirement of being a Prophet from God.

In John 1:19-21, we read where the Jews sent priests and Levites to John the Baptist to ask him if he was the promised Messiah, to which he answered “no.” We continue to read that they then asked him if he was Elijah or a Prophet, and each time he answered “no.”

“So, they said to him, “Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?” He said: ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord,’” - John 1:22-23

And so, Jesus took, Peter, James and John, His “inner circle” of the twelve Apostles, to a high mountain, apart and away from the other apostles. Jesus then begins to pray. He asks them to pray, but they all fall asleep. When they awoke, they saw Jesus standing before them with an indescribable manifestation of light and glory. This would be the proof that they would need to help strengthen them for the events that would soon take place in Jerusalem; namely His death by crucifixion; this was the proof of His Divinity and confirmed, that indeed, He was the Messiah; and this would be the proof they would all need as they were to be witness to the Lord in their own ministries. The whole purpose of this experience was also to reinforce the faith of these apostles in the years to come.

But with this most remarkable event, Jesus was not alone. For the three, they saw Moses and Elijah standing alongside Jesus. The importance of Moses and Elijah being with Jesus was to be a sign to them

that Jesus was to fulfill the law and the prophets. Years earlier, as Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, He said in Matthew 5:17: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Moses represented the giver of the Law, the Torah and Elijah represented Jewish prophecy. Moses himself, would meet the “criteria” of being a prophet of God and Elijah was considered to be one of the greatest of all the Old Testament prophets, who were the “spokesmen “of God, revealing God and His word as well as prophesying future events.

This was to be the only other time where the voice of God was heard. The first was at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, at His baptism, found in the Gospels of Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11, Luke 3:21–23 and in reference in John 1:29-33.” In Matthew 3:17, we read that John the Baptist heard a voice from heaven that said: “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” This time, at the Transfiguration of the Lord as found in (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36) Peter, James and John heard the voice of God, who says: ““This is My Son, the Beloved;¹ with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!”

It has been said that the Transfiguration of Jesus was a time when human nature was touched by the divine, as found in Peter, James and John who were on a mountain top experiencing the Transfiguration.

They were to be the pillars of the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as Moses met God on Mt. Sinai and where Elijah met God on Mt. Horeb, they saw this manifestation of the glory of God.

Peter, the outspoken one, would go on to write two Epistles or letters to the Christians of his time. Peter would suffer martyrdom during the reign of Nero in 64 AD and choose to be crucified “upside down” then to be crucified as His Lord.

James the Greater, would be the first of the Apostles to suffer martyrdom “by the sword” in 44 AD by Herod Agrippa. He is the only Apostle whose death is recorded in the New Testament. Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and, according to tradition, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia.

John, the “Beloved” Apostle, would according to tradition, be the only Apostle of Jesus to have died of

a “natural death+” which took place c. 90-100 AD. John would go on to write His Gospel account of “Jesus,” three Epistles or letters, and finally record his vision in the Book of “Revelation” of our Lord, written while in exile on the Island of Patmos.

On that mountain top, Jesus brought Peter, James and John, to the place where the temporal was to meet the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, the bridge between heaven and earth. Peter, James and John would go on to declare in their faith, and in their ministries, of what they saw and of the divinity of Jesus, the Messiah, that day.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

March 10th - March 16th

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Mon. 3/17	Mass of Thanksgiving Patrick of Ireland, Bishop Joseph of Arimathea, NT Paul of Cyprus. Confessor
Tue. 3/18	Mass for Health and Healing Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop Alexander of Jerusalem, Bishop Edward, King & Martyr
Wed. 3/19	Private Prayer & Meditation Solemnity – Joseph, Spouse of Mary Joseph, Spouse of Mary, NT John of Panaca, Abbot Lanoald, P. & M and Companions, M.
Thur. 3/20	Mass to the Holy Saints of God Photina, the Samaritan & Companions Cuthbert, Bishop Martyrs of Mar Saba, Martyrs
Fri. 3/21	Mass to the Holy Angels of God Benedict, Abbot Serapion the Scholastic, Bishop Edna, Abbot & Fanchea, Virgin
Sat. 3/22	Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus Paul of Narbonne, Confessor Basil of Ancyra, Martyr Deogratias of Carthage, Bishop



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

Last Sunday, our Parish held its Annual Parish meeting since its incorporation in 1929.

The following is the slate of officers that will serve on the Parish Committee for 2025-2026.

- Chairperson: Eric Dibrindisi
- Vice Chairperson: Josh Tudryn
- Recording Secretary: John Harrington
- Treasurer: Conrad (Buddy) LaFleur
- Financial Secretary: Linda Puchalski
- Assistant Financial Secretary: Sue Dibrindisi
- Auditors: Karen Herzig
Barbara Stahelski
Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd
- Board of Directors: Barbara Goodhind
Karen Herzig
Peg Kostiuk
Kathy LaFleur
Alice Maiewski
Mary Tudryn

Parish Tribunal: (Two-year term; expires March 2027 :
Fernanda Harrington
Cheryl Major

Central Seniorate (Two-year term; expires March 2027):

Representatives: Josh Tudryn
Mary Tudryn

Among many other items that was discussed, we will be forming shortly an Investment Committee and we welcome John Mascia who will a member of this subcommittee.

Members of the 2025-2026 of the Parish Committee of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC will be sworn in next Sunday, March 23rd prior to Holy Mass.

PAINTING OF OUR MAIN ALTAR

Just a short note, that our main altar was scraped and repainted and we are well pleased with the work. I want to thank Eric for lining up this project.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

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

We ask, that if you know of anyone , who are need in prayer, whether it be of health and healing, or another need, please write out your request. Cards may be found in the vestibule of our Church.

In our prayers, may we especially remember:

George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Karen Herzig, Richard Foster, Cindy Benjamin, Marge Sanderson, Carolyn Rapelye, Liam and Evelyn Spatcher, Paula Winn, Jerry Pawlikowski, as well as others. May we also pray for each other.

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**

Due to our Lenten Retreat, which was held this past Saturday, March 15, several people, who did not read of the cancellation of our food giveaway as it was posted on our Parish Website received groceries.

Therefore, we will make available next Saturday, March 22 as another date for handing out groceries from 10 am while supplies last. Again, we ask for the help and assistance in donating the following items:

- Cereals and packets of instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and cranberry
- powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese
- Canned tuna in water
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles
- Soups- all varieties
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children’s snack pack.

Please note: We are also collecting in our Parish ministries, full sized containers of personal care as well as cleaning items for the various survival centers. Some of those items that are needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.

- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



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

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 to all who have donated to this cause and may God bless all our endeavors.



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

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

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. May they receive the gift of faith that they may come to believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen..

Let us Pray: Almighty and Eternal God, You created humanity in Your own image and likeness. Grant grace to those who do not believe in You,, so that all might come to acknowledge You as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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.



ORDINATION OF DEACON JUSTIN DAVIAULT

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, Deacon Justin Daviault will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, through the imposition of hands by the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. This most special day in the life of Justin will take place at the Holy Trinity PNCC at 200 Summer St. in Plantsville, CT.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION LENTEN COLLECTION BOXES

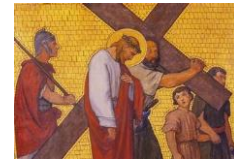
At a meeting of the Eastern Diocesan M & E Commission, it was decided that beginning with Septuagesima Sunday, all parishes in our Diocese will be asked to help contribute donations during this Lenten season. It should be noted, that as in the past, each parish will determine what charitable organization(s) they wish to donate all monies collected at the end of the Lenten season. Thank you.



PRAYER FOR PEACE FOR UKRAINE

O Lord, our God: Your Son taught us how blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Your children We come before You this day, Father, in prayer, for the people in Ukraine. We pray for all those who have lost and will lose their lives in a war that they did not seek nor provoke. We pray for the

people of Ukraine, who have been displaced from their homes and country: especially the women, the children and the aged, who are now seeking safety and security. We pray today for the defenders of this great nation and ask for the protection of Your Holy angels to guard and protect all of them at this time of crisis. May all the people of Ukraine have the blessed assurance that you are ever present. Amen.



SHARING THE CROSS 2025 LENTEN RETREAT

of the
Central Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese
of the
Polish National Catholic Church

Yesterday, our Parish hosted the 2025 Lenten Retreat attended by representatives from the various parishes of the Central Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC.

In attendance was our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski, our Administrative Senior, Joseph Soltysiak as well as Rev. Frs. Adam Czarnecki and Pawel Lukaszewicz. Fr. Robert Koerber served as the Retreatmaster.

The theme for this years Lenten Retreat was “Sharing the Cross” and the following was the schedule for this gathering:

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Morning Devotions
10:45 am	Session # 1 – Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving
11:45 am	Session # 2 – Sharing the Cross
1:30 pm	Session # 3 - Holy Week
3:00 pm	“Stations of the Cross” in Church

I want to especially thank Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd and Mary Tudryn for helping to provide and serve breakfast for all the participants and Halina Lukomski who provided and helped serve home made soup and sandwiches for lunch. May God bless all who attended this year’s Lenten Retreat.