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MAY 3, 2025 – EASTER 3

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

Mass Intention: Sp. Jennie, Edwin Demara, and Michael Goodhind as requested by Helen Barbara Zeller.

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

(Philippians 2:7-9)

- V. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.
- R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Alleluia.

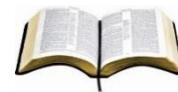
- C. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
 R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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
 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.. O God, our heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son, You have given us the gift of eternal life. Grant that as Jesus fed His disciples, we may bring the nourishment of His teachings to those who hunger for truth. 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 ACTS

(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41)

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand

before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

C. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. Alleluia.

R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in Him. Alleluia.



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

(Revelation 5:11-14)

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures

answered, "Amen" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority from ages past now, and for ages to come. Amen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(John 21:1-19)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

At that time, Jesus revealed Himself again to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed Himself in this way: together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered Him, "No." So, He said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So, they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So, the disciple whom Jesus loved, said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not

far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on the shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So, Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to His disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to Him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had said this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

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

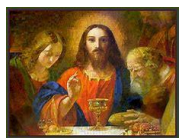
(Psalm 63:5-6)

V. I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my
 hands, calling on Your name. My soul shall savor
 the rich banquet of praise, with joyous lips my
 mouth shall honor You! Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

In confidence we come before You, Almighty God,
 and present You with our earthly gifts. Open the
 doors of heaven for us and send down the Bread of

Life that we might be fed. 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.



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

(John 6:35)

V. Jesus said to them, “I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Lord, our God, You have gathered to Yourself a people to praise You. Filled with Your Heavenly Food, may we bless You and give You thanks always and everywhere. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY’S READING

In this season of Easter, we find that the readings found in the Common Lectionary are taken from three of the “major” books of the New Testament; “The Acts of the Apostles,” attributed to Luke; “The Book of Revelation” and the “Gospel of John,” who attributed to John who and experienced a “vision.”

John was considered the youngest disciple, and brother to James and a son of Zebedee, who had a partnership with Andrew and Peter. John was later referred to as His “beloved.”

Each book of the Holy Bible, found in both the Old and the New Testaments, forms a complete chronological history of the beginnings, as found in Genesis, to the end times, as found in Revelations. The “word of God,” which is a “sacrament” in the PNCC, gives not only “sanctifying grace,” but also imparts a distinct “sacramental grace” to those who study scripture.

The first of these readings, during this Easter season, comes from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, attributed to Saint Luke; the second is from the Book of Revelations, attributed to John the Beloved, who received a vision of the “end times” and the importance of the lamb and finally the Gospel of John in which Jesus, following His Resurrection meets with His first chosen as well as others .

Among the many appearances following the Resurrection of Jesus to His disciples, it is interesting that they would meet again in a place where it first began, fishing, where He first called His disciples.

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 5:1-11, we read of His first calling

“Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When He had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of

Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.



A CONVERSATION

I wonder what must have been the reaction of Peter, when he saw the Lord following that first Easter Sunday. In today’s Gospel, Peter again meets Jesus.

Among the many appearances, following the Resurrection, of Jesus, the appearance of our Lord to His disciples, and especially to Peter was a lesson in reconciliation and forgiveness. This lesson is summed up with His simple question to Peter: “Do you love Me?”

I believe that these four simple words, a time when Jesus asks Peter about the depth of his love, expresses our own personal commitment and our willingness to be counted as a “true” disciple unto the Lord. In like manner, this significant event also marks a time, when we, as Christians are reconciled and forgiven.

It may be said, that the depth of one’s commitment ‘unto the Lord’ must be grounded in “love.”

“Do you love Me?” We read that on Thursday evening, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, which Jesus had predicted. So, it was only proper, that a conversation would take place privately between Jesus and Peter.

It should be understood that each time Jesus asks Peter: “Do you love Me?” goes deeper into the heart of Peter. The first time that Jesus asks Peter is like saying: “Do you love Me more than your friends.” The second time, is like saying: “Do you love Me more than your family?” and the third time that Jesus asks Peter, is like saying: “Do you love Me above all, including yourself.”

In tradition, we hold that Peter was crucified “upside” down during the reign of Nero circa 64-67 AD, the same year of the great fire of Rome and the beginning of the persecution of the Christians. It is also commonly held that Paul was beheaded around the same time as Peter.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

8:45 am Morning Devotionals

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

(April 28 – May 3rd)

Mon. 5/5	Private Prayer and devotions Hilary of Arles, Bishop Mauruntius, Abbot Aventinus of Tours, D & M
Tues. 5/6	Mass of Thanksgiving John before the Latin Gate, Ap Evodius of Antioch, Bishop Edbert, Abbot & Bishop
Wed. 5/7	Mass for health & healing Stanislaw of Kraków, Bp. & M Domitian of Huy, Bishop John of Beverly, Bishop
Thurs. 5/8	Mass to the Holy Saints of God Sigismund of Burgundy, K. & M. Peregrine Laziosi, Prince
Friday 5/9	Mass to the Holy Angels of God Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Dc. Pachomius, Abbot Gerontius of Cervia, Bp. & Martyr
Saturday 5/10	Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus Joseph Padewski, Bishop & Martyr Calepodius, Prince & Martyr Gordian & Epimachus, Martyrs



Saturday, May 17, 2025

The 74th Convention of the Eastern Diocese United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will convene at Holy Name of Jesus Church 15 Thayer Street South Deerfield, MA.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am by our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski. Following a “continental breakfast,” there will be several interesting presentations. For more info, please see Fr. Robert.



NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

**EASTER 3 – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
MOTHER’S DAY**

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

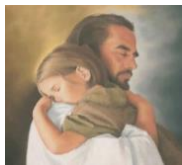
Mass Intention – for the blessings of God to rest upon all the mothers of our Parish – both living and deceased.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God’s blessings 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



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

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

Our next grocery “give-a-way” date will be **Saturday, May 24th**, from 10 o’clock till supplies last. We are still in need of the following:

- 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 packs.



Please note: Through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect full sized containers of personal care items as well as full size cleaning items to aid others less fortunate through the various survival centers in our area. 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.



THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE PNCC

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

On Wednesdays, at 12:00 Noon, during the month of May, members of the Eastern Diocese as well as others, are called to “prayer” and are asked to offer these two devotions prayers:

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 and 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 be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses this day as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.



DISCIPLESHIP 2025: KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

The Eastern Diocese will focus on
the Person of Jesus Christ,
His Identity and Mission.

Please join us for the **fifth** in a series of virtual
“Know and Grow” presentations on
Thursday May 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).
Father Andrew Tenus will help us to explore the topic
on the **Parables of Jesus**.

“Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point,
with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life
applications. To join via Zoom, please contact:

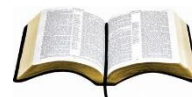
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~ *Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism
Commission*



POLISH DINNER Saturday, June 21

We are finalizing plans for a Polish Dinner take-out that will take place on **Saturday, June 21st**. The menu will include galabki (stuffed cabbage), pierogi, kielbasa, kapusta (cabbage), and rye bread. Price: TBA.



Lectors

We are currently putting together a list of lay readers who will on Sundays, proclaim the word of God. If you would like to volunteer being a reader, please see Peg Kostiuk or Father Koerber.



May we pray this day for peace in our world and pray for all innocent victims of violence both here and abroad. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.