

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 25th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist 10:00 am – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

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

(Psalm 113:1-2)

- V. Praise you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.
- R. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.
- 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.

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

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us pray. All knowing father, Your Son taught us to first seek His kingdom and all other things would be given to us. Help us to seek the riches of Your truth and the wealth of Your grace. 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.
- R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD A READING FROM AMOS THE PROPHET

(Amos 8:4-7)

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to be to God

GRADUAL

(Deuteronomy 25:13-14, 16)

- V. You shall not keep two differing weights in your bag, one large and the other small; nor shall you keep two different measures in your house, one large and the other small.
- R. Everyone who is dishonest in any of these matters is an abomination to the Lord, your God.



A READING FROM THE 1ST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

(1 Timothy 2:1-8)

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

- C. The Word of the Lord.
- R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Sirach 29:11)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- C. Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than gold.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(Luke 16:1-13)

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
- R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

- V. The Gospel of the Lord.
- R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



THE NICENE CREED (325 AD)

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

(Proverbs 13:22)

V. The good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the just.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Omniscient Father, receive the offering Your people place before You and make us eager to share in the good things You have given us. We ask this through the same 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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Proverbs 11:28)

V. He who trusts in his riches will fall, but like green leaves the just flourish.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And also with you.
- V. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have fed us at Your Holy Table and have blessed us with Abundance. Help us to us our riches rightly and generously, so that, having used perishable things to Your glory, we may at last grain the imperishable inheritance of Your kingdom. For You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- R. Amen.



AMOS THE PROPHET A Prophet of Justice

"One will live if he seeks the Lord" (Amos 5:4)

Amos is one of the twelve minor prophets in the Old Testament. It has been said that Amos is regarded as the earliest prophet found in the Bible. If so, his Book is the oldest collection of sermons found in literature.

Amos, we learn, was a shepherd by trade and a tender of sycamore and fig trees. He was a native of Tekoa, a city twelve miles south of Jerusalem. Amos was an older contemporary of Hosea and Isaiah, and who preached his message around 765-750 B.C., in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and Jeroboam II, the king of Israel.

Amos traveled from his native land Judah to the northern kingdom of Israel, where he preached against the social corruption and the oppression of the poor, even though the northern kingdom under king Jeroboam II was a time of great prosperity and wealth. Amos spoke of God's omnipotence, and divine judgment that was based on one's way of living and not upon the rituals or sacrifices that man-made unto God.

The Book of Amos can be divided as follows:

- 1. Impending judgements: chapters 1-2:3
- 2. Impending sermons: 2:5-16
- 3. Call to Israel to seek God: chapter 5
- 4. Luxurious living condemned: 6:4-14
- 5. The five visions: 7:1-9:10
- 6. The visions interpreted 7:10-13
- 7. Prediction of restoration of Israel 9: 9-15
- 8. A call of Israel to seek the Lord.



TIMOTHY, A DISCIPLE A son in the faith

There are two letters that St. Paul wrote to a young priest, who he ordained, named Timothy.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy 1:1-2, we read:

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, to Timothy, my true son in the faith; Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

Date written: 1st Timothy 66A.D. 2nd Timothy 68 A.D.

These two letters from Paul gives instruction to Timothy, who he mentions in not only his two letters to him, but also found the Acts of the Apostles.

But who was Timothy?

Though his father was Greek, Timothy's mother, Eunice and grandmother Lois, raised him in the Jewish faith. He was converted in Paul's visit in Lystra and joined Paul on his Secondary Missionary Tour. While in Rome, he was Paul's helper and Paul entrusted him with the work in Ephesus. Throuinto prison in Rome, he escaped though Paul was beheaded in 68 A.D.

AN OUTLINE OF FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY

- 1. Introduction (chap. 1:1-2).
- 2. Timothy's task in Ephesus (chap. 1:3-20).
- 3. Church worship (chap. 2).
- 4. Church Officers (chap. 3).
- 5. Heretics (chap. 4:1-10).
- 6. Timothy's Study and Growth (chap 4:11-16).
- 7. The Various Classes in the Church (chap. 5:1-6:10).
- 8. Paul's Urgent Appeal to Timothy (chap 6:11-21).

AN OUTLINE OF 2nd TIMOTHY

- 1. Introduction (chap. 1:1-2).
- 2. Paul's Prayer and Plea for Timothy (chap 1:3-18).
- 3. Hardness the Lot of the Soldier of Christ (chap 2:1-13).
- 4. Waring About the Gnostic Heresies (chaps. 2:14-3:17).
- 5. A Full Ministry Urged (chap. 4:1-8).
- 6. Paul Facing Death (chap.4:9-18)
- 7. Farewell Salutations (chap. 4:19-22).

PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS

8:45 am Morning Devotionals

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(September 22nd - September 28th)

Mon. 9/22 Feast – Matthew, Apostle

Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Maurice & Companions of the

Theban Legion, Martyrs
Phocas the Gardener, Martyr

Jonas, Prophet, OT

Tues. 9/23 Mass of Thanksgiving

Thecia of Iconium, Virgin & Martyr

Linus, Bishop, NT Adamnan, Abbot

Wed. 9/24 Mass of Health and Healing

Gerard Sagredo, Bishop & Martyr Robert of Knaresborough, Hermit

Alemund & Tilbert, Bishops

Thurs. 9/25 Mass to the Holy Angels of God

Ladislaus of Gielnow, Priest & C.

Cadoc, Abbot

Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot

Friday 9/26 Mass to the Holy Saints of God

Cyprian & Justina, Martyrs Herman the Cripple, Confessor Colman of Lann Elo, Abbbot

Saturday 9/27 Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus

Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs Barry, Bishop & Hermit Elzear of Sabran, Confessor

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. 2025 26TH WEEK IN THE ORDINARY

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

MINISTRY OF LAY READERS

Words of appreciation to the following men and women of our Parish, who have volunteered their time to proclaim the "Word of God."

Sunday, September 21st John Harrington Sunday, September 28th Josh Tudryn



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

"And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." - Luke 2:9

May we pray for the health and healing for all those, who we remember in our prayers, especially for: George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig and Pat Shaw, Bill Durkee, Jerry Pawlikowski, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, C.J. Panell, Mick Szumski, Tosia & Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, and Joey De Fayette, Zoe Kinnunen, Bożena Piaskowy, as well as all our own personal intentions:

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 are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all 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, and are One God. 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, October 20th from 10:00 am.

We wish to thank Josh and Mary Tudryn who helped distribute this month's groceries.

We also wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of items needed as well monetary gifts will be greatly appreciated.



We are still in need of the following:

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- 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: Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect "full sized" containers of personal care items and cleaning items to aid others in need. All items collected, will be donated to the various survival centers in our area. Items 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.



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

In the month of September, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, You taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Enlighten the hearts of our enemies that they may seek the peace that only You can give. Grant us grace to forgive and to be forgiven. Enable us all to work toward justice and embrace Your love that reconciles us with one another. In Your blessed Name we pray. Amen.

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 this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH



Saturday, October 25th - 9:00 am to 12 noon 15 Thayer Street (off Sugarloaf St.) South Deerfield, MA

POLISH FOOD

including Homemade Pierogi and Golabki Pies ~ Soups ~ Baked Goods And Raffle



PIEROGI SCHEDULE

Starting with this coming Saturday, **September 27**th, and for the next three weeks, we will gather at our church proper starting at 8:30 am to make **pierogi** for our upcoming Fall Bazaar.

The schedule for making gałąbki and apple pies will be posted next Sunday.



A TRUE STORY

Back in 2021, I bought for the first and only time, a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne, which was originally to be opened, on my 70th birthday, or to be kept as a "keepsake," for a later time.

Following our wedding, Halina and I had the opportunity to travel to Glouster, MA, for a couple of days, to celebrate our union, as husband and wife.



On Tuesday, our first day, we stopped at the Gardens of Gloucester, MA, which overlooks the open ocean, and is accented by the statues of the "Fisherman's Memorial" and the "Fisherman's Wives Memorial." For acres these gardens displayed numerous Dahlias, which we did not know about.

Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a late lunch at Seaport Grille, which also has an interesting story.

Back in 2024, Halina and I traveled to Gloucester, MA for the first time. I was familiar with Gloucester and Rockport, MA, being a certified scuba diver.

I wanted to share with Halina, at that time, the beauty of Gloucester, and the surrounding areas.

On Wednesday, while in Glouster, we opened this bottle of champagne. As we toasted each other, both of us realized that the vintage of this champagne was 2013, marking 15 years of first meeting each other. Coincidental? We both knew it was not.



One of the highlights of our trip to Gloucester was a trip to Hammond Castle which displayed 12th century architecture with various medieval items and artifacts. We found out later that the same design was similar to the "Cloisters" in NYC which we had visited back in 2024.

IN APPRECIATION

Last Saturday, my dearest friend, Halina, and I entered into the state of Matrimony, and became husband and wife, after knowing each other for over 15 years.

Both Halina and I had previously spoken that this day should be not only about our wedding but also was to serve as a reminder that brought so many of our family and friends together through the banns of marriage and this day would be festive.

Starting with our wedding in Church, which to my surprise, included a Scottish Piper, who played as we exited the Church proper. It was to remind me of my Celtic background, which was found in my DNA through testing.

First of all, Halina and I want to thank our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. His words was an inspiration and a reminder of the sacredness of this Sacrament and our commitment to continue to serve God, as husband and wife.

To Rev. Justin Daviault, who proclaimed the "word of God" during our wedding with authority and conviction.

To Rev. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, a true brother "of the cloth," who was present and offered the "prayer of grace" at our reception.

To Chris and Julie Lukomski, the children of the Halina and the late Stanley Lukomski. Chris gave his mother away and Julie served as the "Maid of Honor."

To my best man and nephew, Dylan Thomas Sjollema, and his lovely wife Shirley of which I attended their marriage 31 years ago.

To my sister, Joye, who whenever she visits me, helps make our visits memorable and meaningful.

And finally, to our families, friends and parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC, who shared with us our "special day," we wish to thank all of you, a much heartfelt thanks, for without all of you, this day would not of been possible. We hope that you enjoyed our "special day" of celebration and that you will remember the two of us in prayer.