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TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

31ST SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass to be celebrated in the traditional rite 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

(Sirach 35:12-13)

- V. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust.
- R. As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.
- 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 evermore 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. Loving Father, however much we turn from You, You always have compassion, week us out and welcome us back with love. Transform us through Your Holy Spirit that we may never be lost to you. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord 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 THE BOOK OF WISDOM

(Wisdom 11:22-12:1)

Before the LORD, the whole universe is as a grain from a balance, or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You

hated, You would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless You willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by You? But you spare all things, because they are Yours, O LORD, and lover of souls, for Your imperishable Spirit is in all things! Therefore, You rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Psalm 26:2,3, 9:10)

V. Test me Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes: I walk guided by Your faithfulness.

R. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.



A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

(2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2)

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(Luke 19:1-10)

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.

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

V. 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.



OFFERATORY VERSE

(Psalm 145:14)

The Lord supports all who are falling and raises up
all who are bowed down.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, bless us and the gifts we have
offered and show us the way that leads to eternal
happiness. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus
Christ, You Son, Who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



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

(Matthew 11:29)

V. You are my God; pity me, Lord; to You I call all
the day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Every living God, we give You thanks
and praise that we have received Your Son in the
Holy Eucharist. Make us worthy of Your call that
we may always be ready to respond to the needs of
others. 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.



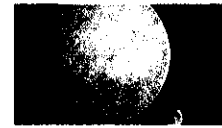
ZACCHAEUS, WHO BECAME A DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

A LITTLE MAN OF GREAT FAITH

Zacchaeus, who appears in today's Gospel, had a
personal life changing encounter with the Lord, Jesus
as found in (Luke 19:1-10).

Zacchaeus, it is believed, was the head of the tax
collectors in the region of Jericho, and as the Bible
implies, that he was a very rich man.

Now the Jewish tax collectors, many who were rich and affluent, were detested by their own countrymen for a couple of reasons:



THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

We have also seen, unfortunately, the negative impact of people, who have followed the ideology of an Adolph Hitler, a Joseph Stalin, a Mao Zedong of China, as well as a Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Even in our current world, we continue to see other world leaders who preach a “rhetoric” of division built upon a message of hate, and who have “self-justified” their own policy of violence and actions to others; from Wladimir Putin of Russia, in his continued invasion of Ukraine, as well as the present injustices of the dictatorship of Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela as well as others.

Most sadly, that even in our “great nation,” we witness the characters of others, who choose to sprout misinformation through various medias. Truth is needed to be seen and experienced in contrast.

- **First**, they were known for cheating the taxpayers for the sake of the temple at Jerusalem.
- **Second**, they worked to “fill” the coffers of Rome, who through their presence, controlled indirectly the Jewish temple, and even the placement of the High Priest. Jewish tax collectors were looked upon as collaborators with Rome and were considered traitors of the common people.

Last week, did we not speak of the “Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican” who both went up to the “Temple” to pray, where one went away “justified.”

Also, was not Matthew, who writes in his Gospel account, in 9:7, the following: **[As] Jesus was walking along, He saw a man, called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed Him.**

We see something similar in Zacchaeus, who wanted to see Jesus, as He passed through his town. We do not know if it was out of curiosity or genuine interest, but one becomes the same and when called to be a follower or a disciple unto the Lord. But we know that in the reading from today’s Gospel of Luke, Zacchaeus sought Jesus.

It is traditionally believed that Zacchaeus was short in stature and chose to climb a certain sycamore tree to better see Jesus; This act is interesting, because Zacchaeus did not know if Jesus would notice him; a little man sitting in a tall tree. Secondly, he did not care; for all he wanted was to see Jesus.

I think many of us can relate to this, in different but similar ways. So many people have and will travel hundreds of miles to see their favorite performers, who in concert or sports teams in the various sport venues: many people who seek to follow those whom they admire and relate to their messages in song and word, even at a distance and not being noticed.

Think about the recent “Eras Tour” of Talyor Swift who grossed over 2 billion dollars & performed over 149 appearances to over 10 million fans. God bless.

I personally believe that this is a growing reflection of what is happening in America, And as I have heard from “both sides of the aisle” and proudly being a registered as an “Independent,” I look to the wisdom and understanding of the Lord Jesus who teaches in Matthew 7:17-18,20: “In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Thus, you will know them by their fruits.”

As a believer in the “Good News” of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I find it appalling and disgusting of anyone who incites violence against another, as well as for those who issue death threats against another, including their families, which sadly has become an everyday occurrence.

From road rage to the assaults against the homeless; from school shootings to needless killing in places of

worship, there existed and still exists a “consciousness” of hatred and division.”

What has happened to our society? For some, it is believed that “the end times” that Jesus spoke about is coming to fruition.

Amid all of this, many have sought and continue to seek Jesus, as Zacchaeus did that day.

So, today we read, in the Gospel, there was a “little man,” Zacchaeus, who climbs a tree to see Jesus. To the complete astonishment of Zacchaeus and the crowd, Jesus stops looks up, notices Zacchaeus, and says: “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

I recall of the time of the Resurrection of our Lord, where he met two of his disciples as they traveled away from Jerusalem, the site of Jesus’ passion crucifixion and death.

Today, we affirm that whenever ones truly seek the Lord, He says to each of us as he spoke to Zacchaeus: “Come down quickly for today I must stay at your house.”

How many of us, who have attended church throughout the years, have truly prepared to receive Him, spiritually and morally first in our hearts, in our lives and then into our homes.

I think of Peter, being called as one of His first chosen, said to Jesus in Luke 5:8 upon meeting Him, said: “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.”

- Revelations 3:20

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

BLESSED ZACHARIAH & ELIZABETH

In the Gospel of Luke we read of Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, who were righteous and God-fearing people, who had no children and that they were both well past childbearing years (Luke 1:6–7). Zechariah, as part of his priestly duties in the temple, was chosen to enter the Holy Place to burn incense before the Lord (verse 8). While he was ministering

in the temple to the Lord, the angel Gabriel appeared to him and told him that he and Elizabeth had been chosen by God to have a son who would be the forerunner of the Messiah (verse 17). They were to present their son as a servant of God and his name would be John.

Although this was great news, Zechariah did not initially believe the angel. He objected that this could not be possible, since he and his wife were too old (Luke 1:18). Because of Zechariah’s unbelief, Gabriel told him that he would be rendered mute until the baby was born (verse 20). Zechariah was immediately unable to speak, and, when he came out of the temple, he had to communicate with hand gestures. The people gathered outside the temple praying understood that he had seen a vision of some kind (verse 22). Zechariah went home, and it happened just as the angel had said, for Elizabeth became pregnant (verse 24).

In Luke, we then read that the Archangel Gabriel visits Mary, the mother of our Lord, who announces that she would conceive a son through the Holy Spirit and his name would be Jesus. After this Mary is informed that her relative Elizabeth is in her sixth month of pregnancy, and she travels to Hebron to visit Elizabeth, Mary stays with Elizabeth for about three months.

The next time Zechariah is mentioned in scripture is after the birth of his son. At the child’s circumcision, Elizabeth’s family and friends wanted to name the baby after Zechariah, but Elizabeth insisted that his name should be John (Luke 1:59–60). When they consulted Zechariah, he asked for a writing tablet and “to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, ‘His name is John’” (verse 63). Immediately, Zechariah was able to speak and began at once to praise the Lord. Luke 1:67–79 records the prophetic words that Zachariah proclaimed, which may have been in the form of a song of thanksgiving. His words indicate the change of heart and the faith that had grown during his nine months of muteness.

From Zechariah we learn that, when we faithfully follow the Lord and continue to lift up our prayers to Him, He hears us and answers according to His will for our lives (Luke 1:13; 18:1; 1 John 5:14–15). It also teaches us that nothing is impossible for the Lord.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022
COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

9:00 am Holy Mass to be celebrated with the reading of the names of the faithful departed to follow Mass.

2:00 pm- All Soul's liturgy and the blessing of the gravesites at our Parish cemetery

ALL SOUL'S DAY

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be, has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as He is." - 1 John 3:2

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the faithful departed. The day is primarily celebrated in the Polish National Catholic Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Old Catholic Churches. All Souls Day is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other protestant denominations such as the Anglican, Lutheran and Methodist churches. Other protestant denominations do not recognize this observance and disagree with the theology behind it.

In the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, it is believed that the souls of the faithful departed who have not been cleansed from sin, will not attain the eternal beatific vision of heaven, and must go to a place known as "purgatory" until they are fully sanctified. Throughout the years, the Roman Catholic Church promoted "indulgences:" which were monetary donations made to the church to lessen the suffering of loved ones in "purgatory." In the Polish National Catholic Church, we do not hold to such beliefs or practices.

In contrast, the First Bishop of the PNC Church, Francis Hodur, wrote the following in his "Confession of Faith," of a loving and forgiving God. He writes:

I BELIEVE in the ultimate justice of God, in a future life beyond the grave, which will be a continuation of this temporal life and which, as to its condition and degree of perfection and happiness is dependent on

our present life, but above all on the state of our soul in the final hour before death.

I BELIEVE in immortality and everlasting happiness in eternity in union with God of all people, races, and ages, because I believe in the Divine power of love, mercy, and justice and for nothing else do I yearn, but that it may be to me according to my faith.

On All Souls Day, the names of the faithful departed shared by our congregation are read following Holy Mass and a separate blessing of our cemetery takes place.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025
THE 32nd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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



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 prayer:

George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig and Linda Puchalski, Bill Durkee, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukowski, C.J. Panell, Mick Szumski, Tosia, Toka and Larry Bara Jr., 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, November 16th from 10:00 am until supplies last.

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.



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PNCC **THANKSGIVING DINNER** **NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 16th at the Polish American Citizens Club in South Deerfield, MA. Dinner begins at Noon (takeout is at 11:30 am). Meal includes a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings!

Tickets are \$18 each (only 125 tickets available - 100 for seating and 25 for takeout). Deadline to reserve a ticket is November 9th. For tickets, please contact Linda Puchalski at (413) 657-5362.

There will also be a special quilt raffle. Tickets for this raffle may be purchased by seeing Linda Puchalski or by calling her at (413) 657-5362.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION **WEDNESDAYS AT NOON - CALL TO PRAYER**

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

Father all powerful, your gifts are countless and Your goodness infinite. We come to You, O God, offering our most humble and heartfelt thanks for the many blessings we have received from You. Open our hearts to the needs of others, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. Teach us to express our thanksgiving not only with our lips, but in all that we do. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. 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.