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TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

32nd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 AM – Holy Mass of the Eucharist 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

(1 Chronicles 29:10b-11a,13)

V. Blessed may You be, O Lord, God of Israel our Father, from eternity to eternity. Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is Yours.

R. Yours, O Lord, is the sovereignty; therefore, our God, We give You thanks and we praise the majesty of Your Name.

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

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Lord our God, You are the God of the living and You have raised us to life in the resurrection of Your Son. May we, for whom death is now a shadow, rest ever secure in Your promises. 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 OF GOD

A READING FROM 2ND MACCABEES

(2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14)

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's

law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." At the point of death, he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." After him, the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing. After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

(1 Chronicles 29:18.15)

V. O Lord, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep such thoughts in the hearts and minds of Your people forever, and direct their hearts toward You.

R: For we stand before You as aliens: we are only Your guests, like all our fathers. Our life on earth is like a shadow that does not abide.



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

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5)

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all

have faith. But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(2 Maccabees 7:36)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. My brothers, after enduring brief pain, have drunk of never-failing life, under God's covenant.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

(Luke 20:27, 34-38)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward. Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'"

C. 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

(1 Chronicles 29:14b)

V. For everything is from You, and we only give you
what we have received from you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, from among the many gifts You have
given us we offer You bread and wine and the service
of our lives. We ask this through the same 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. Inflammé my heart
with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Philippians 3:10)

V. That I may know [Christ] and the power of His
resurrection and [the] sharing of His sufferings by
being conformed to His death.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Every living Father, by the death of
Your Son we are saved from death and in His
resurrection, we are all renewed. May we, who have
received Your Sacraments, come to know the
victory of eternal life. We ask through the same
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



STUDIES IN HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE APOCRYPHA - 1ST & 2ND MACCABEES

First and Second Maccabees are early Jewish
writings which detail the history of the Jews in the first
century B.C. Both books are part of the Apocrypha, or
pseudo-canonical books, which are revered in the
Catholic Rite, the Greek Orthodox, Coptic, and
Russian Orthodox churches, the Anglican and
Lutheran churches but are not recognized as canonical
by other Protestant churches. For those Christian
denominations which use the Apocrypha, it is a source
of inspiration and devotion,

Both these books outline the history of the Maccabees, who were Jewish leaders and who led a rebellion of the Jews against the Seleucid Dynasty from 175 BC to 134 BC. **The First book of Maccabees** portrays the effort by the Jews to regain their cultural and religious independence from Antiochus IV Epiphanes, considered by many in Jewish history, as one the vilest person in their history, following his desecration of the Jewish temple and his immorality and debauchery

The Second Book of Maccabees consists of the Maccabean Revolt written by Jason of Cyrene. While the First book surprisingly does not directly mention God or His divine intervention, the second book, however, established several Christian doctrines, which are followed by both the Western Rite (Catholic) and the Eastern Rite (Orthodox) churches. The First book of Maccabees was written in Hebrew and later translated into Greek. Scholars believe that the author was a Palestinian Jew who was intimately familiar with the events described. The author opposed the Hellenization (Greek influence) of the Jews and clearly supported and admired the Jewish revolutionaries; namely Judas Maccabeus and his brothers.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In the Second century BC, Judea (the Southern Kingdom of Israel) existed between the Egyptian (Ptolemaic Kingdom) and the Syrian (Seleucid Empire). These kingdoms which were formed after the death of Alexander the Great. Judea fell under the control of the Syrians in approximately 200 BC. During this time, many Jews began to adopt a Greek lifestyle and culture in order to gain economic and political influence. They avoided the prescribed circumcision of all Jewish males and abolished many other Jewish religious laws.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes became the ruler of the Seleucid (Syrian) Empire in 175 BC. He was intolerant to the views of the religious Jews in Israel. To Antiochus, the office of high priest was merely a local appointee within his realm, while to the orthodox Jews, the high priest was divinely appointed. Antiochus appointed a high priest named Jason, a Hellenized or Greek influenced Jew, who promptly abolished the Jewish theocracy, followed by Menelaus, who had the rightful high priest, Onias, murdered. After Menelaus' brother stole sacred articles from the temple, a civil war ensued between the

Hellenized Jews and the religious Jews. Antiochus subsequently attacked Jerusalem, pillaged the temple, and killed or captured many of the women and children. He banned traditional Jewish religious practice, outlawing Jewish sacrifices, the Sabbath, feasts, and the practice of circumcision which God first established with Abraham. He established altars to Greek gods upon which "unclean" animals were sacrificed. Antiochus desecrated the Jewish temple and burned the Torah, which was not only the Word of God, but it also the history of the Jewish people.

In a small, rural village of Modein, an elderly priest named Mattathias lived with his five sons—John, Simon, Judas, Eleazer, and Jonathan. They are sometimes referred to as the Hasmoneans (a designation derived from one of their ancestors) and it is this family who later bore the name of the Maccabees (a nickname meaning "hammerer"). In 167 BC Antiochus sent some of his soldiers to Modein to compel the Jewish inhabitants to make sacrifices to the pagan gods. Mattathias, as a leader in the city, was commanded by the officers of Antiochus to be the first person compelled to offer a pagan sacrifice as an example for the rest of the people. He refused and gave a powerful speech (1 Maccabees 2:15–22).

Violence seemed certain, but another Jew volunteered to offer the sacrifices to the pagan gods in the place of Mattathias, but Mattathias killed this Jewish man, as well as all the soldiers of the king. He then destroyed the altar to the pagan gods, after which he, his sons, and a number of followers fled to the mountainous wilderness. These men formed a large, guerrilla army and soon began to launch raids against the towns of the land, tearing down the pagan altars, killing the officials of Antiochus, and executing those Jews who were worshipping the pagan gods.

Mattathias died in 166 BC, just as the revolt was gaining momentum, leaving his son Judas in charge of the rebel forces. Even though he was greatly outnumbered, Judas and his rebels defeated general after general in battle, winning decisive victories against overwhelming odds. The rebels even won a tremendous victory south of Mizpah against a combined army of Antiochus of over 50,000 troops. The people of Israel gave Judas the nickname "the Hammer" because of his success in "hammering" the enemy forces into the ground.

Antiochus, who had underestimated the scope of the revolt, now realized the serious nature of the rebellion in

Israel. He dispatched **Lysias**, the commander-in-chief of the Seleucid army, along with 60,000 infantrymen and 5,000 cavalrymen, to destroy the Jews. This vast army was additionally commanded by two generals serving under **Lysias**—**Nicanor** and **Gorgias**. This powerful army came against **Judas**, who fought with a force of only 10,000 poorly equipped rebels, in the town of **Emmaus**. Judas prayed to God for strength and deliverance (1 Maccabees 4:30–33), and God answered and they won a huge victory over the Seleucid (Syrian) army.

The **Maccabees** then marched into Jerusalem, cleansed the temple, and resumed the traditional Jewish religious practices. The festival of **Hanukkah** commemorates the cleansing and rededication of the Jewish temple. Judas's brother **Jonathan** became the new high priest after the rededication of the temple and ultimately succeeded Judas as commander of the army. His brother **Simon** assumed control from 142 to 135 BC, followed by Simon's son, **John Hyrcanus**. With the death of Simon, the last son of Mattathias, the Maccabean Revolt came to an end. The author concludes his narrative in the **First Book of Maccabees** with these events.

The **Second Book of Maccabees** was written in koine Greek, most likely around 100 BC. This work is in line with **First Maccabees**, but it is written in a more theological interpretation of the Maccabean Revolt. In addition to outlining the historical events, **2 Maccabees** discusses several doctrinal issues, including prayers and sacrifices for the dead, intercession of the saints, and resurrection on Judgment Day. It has been noted that the Roman Catholic Church based their doctrine of purgatory and masses for the dead on this work. An important tenet of the Protestant Reformation in 1517 A.D. taught that the Apocrypha should not be put on the same canonical level as the other books of the Bible, although the Apocrypha was included in the original KJV of the Bible published in 1611 A.D. and was included in Martin Luther's Bible in 1534 AD.

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2025

33rd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

Readings:

Malachi 3:19-20

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21: 5-19



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 Lukomski, 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 Zoe Kinnunen, 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(s) is November 9th. For tickets, please see or 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.\



OUR ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Josh and Mary Tudryn who have headed up our Annual Sock Drive. So far, through their efforts over 400 pairs of socks have been collected.

Collection boxes have been placed in the vestibule of our church for donations of socks as well as other winter clothing such as gloves, hats, and scarfs, Thank you in advance for your consideration.



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.



DISCIPLESHIP 2025:

KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

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

Please join us for the eleventh in a series of virtual "Know and Grow" presentations on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM (EDT).**

Fr. Pawel Lukaszewicz will help us to explore the topic, **Jesus for the first Christians.**

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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OTHER NEWSWORTHY ITEMS



BIBLES AND HANDHELD CROSSES

Along with our Food Ministry, we have soft cover Holy bibles and New Testament bibles that we want to distribute to those seeking God in their lives.

We also have several wooden Handheld crosses which have been donated and which many of you have received. As "ambassadors of Christ" we are called upon to be His witnesses and seek those in need of God's healing.



CATECHISMS OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catechisms of the PNCC are currently available. These catechisms serve as an important educational aid for all who want to know the teachings of our Church. These catechisms are free. Please see Fr. Koerber for more information. Thank you.



A BOOK OF PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

Also available is the PNCC book of Prayer and Devotions which is an invaluable source of inspiration. Both are softcovers in either black or white. The price of these books is \$5.00. Please see Fr. Koerber for more information. Thank you.

Besides the Book of Prayer and Devotions, there are several other items that can be purchased pertaining to the history of the PNCC. Among them:

The Origin and Growth of the PNCC by Dr. Stephen Wlodarski – A 239-page hard covered history of the beginnings of the PNCC - \$5.00

An Abridged History of the PNCC – A 52-page publication about the PNCC - \$2.75

For help and more information, please see Fr. Koerber.



ANNUAL ED CLERGY RETREAT **MERCY RETREAT CENTER – MADISON, CT.**

Please note that I will be away from our Parish from Tuesday, November 11th till late Thursday, November 13th as I will be attending to Annual Eastern Diocesan Clergy Retreat which will be held at the Mercy Retreat Center in Madison, CT. In case of an unforeseen emergency, please call my personal cell phone at (413) 530-8575. Thank you.



FCAT - FRONTIER CABLE ACCESS MEDIA **FILMING OF OUR MASSES**

Just a reminder, our weekly Masses may be seen on **channel 12** at the following times: **Wednesdays at 10 am and 2 pm** and on **Sundays at 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm and 9 pm.** Our Masses can also be viewed weekly on **You Tube** at Holy Name of Jesus, South Deerfield.