



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

15 THAYER STREET

S. DEERFIELD, MA 01373

Rev. Fr. Robert M. Koerber, Pastor

Parish email: koerber702@comcast.net

Parish Phone: (413) 665-2129

Emergency Contact: (413) 530-8575

Website: holy name south deerfield.org

FB: Holy Name of Jesus, South Deerfield

TODAY – JANUARY 18, 2026

2nd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

Mass Intention: Sp. Wanda J. Koerber, offered by son, Fr. Robert, sister, Joye and family members.

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

(Isaiah 42:1)

V. Here is My Servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen One with Whom I am well pleased.

R. Upon Whom I have put My Spirit; He shall bring forth justice to the nations

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

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: All powerful Father, You sent Your Spirit to confirm the mission of Your Son at His baptism. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us that we may be strengthened in our faith and that we may find joy in serving You and each other. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, 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 THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

(Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6)

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my

strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Isaiah 49:8-9)

V. Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor, I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages.

R. Saying to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves!

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Isaiah 61:1)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(John 1:29-34)

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And with you.

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

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward Him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the

sin of the world." He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because He existed before me.' I did not know Him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon Him. I did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God."

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



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

(Isaiah 53:11)

V. Through His suffering, My Servant shall justify many, and their guilt He shall bear.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Lord our God, receive this, our offering, and enlighten us that we may strive for a just and orderly society. 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.



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 1:23b)

V. I am “the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.’

CLOSING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray: Almighty God, You have chosen to restore all things in Your beloved Son. Grant that through the reception of this Eucharist, we may submit to the gentle yoke of His most loving rule. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE BEGINNING OF A MISSION

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to you, who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. “ - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Following the baptism of our Lord, by John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Messiah, I believe that God had a divine plan and mission for mankind by sending His Son Jesus into the world.

So, what was the Mission of Jesus? In the Gospel of Luke 19:10 we read that Jesus stated: **“to seek and to save the lost.”** Jesus knew that His Father’s plan for Him was to eventually die as an atonement for the sins of mankind. In the third and most detailed prediction, we read in Matthew 20:17:

“As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve [disciples] aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

This was to be the third time that He was to foretell of His own death.

Saint Paul wrote these opening words to the church in Corinth, which he established circa 50 AD

Many of Paul's introductions to his churches were similar prayers and blessings. He speaks of being sanctified through the grace of Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel, we revisit blessed Saint John, who gives his testimony concerning Jesus and in his testimony, we see the mission of John:

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because He existed before me.' I did not know Him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be made known to Israel.' John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon Him. I did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.'"

I believe that God, in His divine plan, has a mission for each of us. It begins when we are presented to the Lord at our baptism, where we become a part of His church. It is where we are sanctified and made holy through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND THE LORD JESUS

In our Christian faith, the writings of the four Evangelists; of **Matthew, Mark, Luke and John** gives insights into the importance of the teachings of the power of prayer that as found in the life of Jesus.

There is the formula by which all prayer is derived from. Throughout this ministry of our Lord, we see, that prayer played a most important part in His life: and seen in His healings, and in His teachings

There are many examples of this, in which, we see Jesus, when called upon to "teach others how to pray," as offered up the "Lord's Prayer," sometimes called the "perfect prayer" which is found in the Gospels accounts of Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 22:2-4 and throughout in the "High Priestly" prayer of Jesus as found in the Gospel of John 17:1-26.

In my understanding of prayer, the essentials are simple, as Jesus teaches in the Lord's Prayer:

- First, to acknowledge and glorify God which Jesus called "Father" to all of us.
- Second, to be thankful to God or whatever we call Hi for His many blessings, the "Creator or the "First Cause" of the "Beginning" or "Genesis" of all that "God
- Third is to petition God.

Did you know that the word "prayer" is mentioned 547 times in 513 verses of the Holy Bible?

Prayer is defined in the Catechism of the PNCC, as the "lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. It is our talking with God and listening to God."

Throughout the life and ministry of our Lord, we read of His offering of prayer.

The following are but a few examples as prayer in the life of Jesus:

- He prayed alone: Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Luke 9:18 and Luke 22:39-41.
- He prayed in public: John 11:41-42, John 12:27-30.
- He prayed before meals Matthew 26:26, Mark 8:6, Luke 24:30, and John 6:11.
- He prayed before important decisions (Luke 6:12-13).
- He prayed before healings: Mark 7:34-35, and after healings: Luke 5:16.
- He prayed to do the Father's will: Matthew 26:36-44).

Most importantly, the Lord Jesus taught about the importance of prayer to others: Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24-26, Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:9-13, John 14:13-14, John 15:7,16, John 16:23-24, Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27-28, and Matthew 6:5-15.

Also, there were specific events in His life where Jesus turned unto the Father in prayer:

At His Baptism: Luke 3:21-22.
 Before choosing His 12 disciples: Luke 6:12-13.
 Before feeding 5000. (John 6:11)
 Before walking on water: Matthew 14:23.
 While healing a deaf & mute man: Matthew 7:31-37
 Before feeding of the 4000: Matthew 15:36
 At the Transfiguration: Luke 9:28-29
 Before teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer: Luke 11:1.
 Before raising Lazarus from the dead: John 11:41-42.
 Laying hands on and praying for little children: Matthew 19:13-15
 At the Lord's Supper: Matthew 26:26.
 For Himself, His disciples, and all believers just before heading to Gethsemane: John 17:1-26.
 At the garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-46.
 After being nailed to the cross: Luke 23:34.
 While dying on the cross: Matthew 27:46
 In His dying breath: Luke 23:46.
 Before He ate bread before with others after His resurrection: Luke 24:30.
 Before His Ascension: Luke 24:50-53
"Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayers, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer and God delivers in prayer."
- Edwards M. Bounds



SAINT AGNES - VIRGIN & MARTYR JANUARY 21

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high-ranking men seeking her hand in marriage. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great. that whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity, that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In great anger, a man named Prokop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but it is said that her face shone with joy.

Next, he sent her to a brothel, but an Angel protected her from being raped. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first.

According to tradition, she was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn, or the flames parted away from her. This prompted a Roman officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out in the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by fellow Christians. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 on January 21, 304 AD.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 **3rd SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist
 10:00 am – Fellowship Hour



BLESSING OF HOMES

This week, I will continue with my Pastoral visits and the traditional blessing of homes. I would very much like the opportunity to visit all the families of our Parish in this new year of 2026.



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 Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Linda Puchalski, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, Mick Szumski, Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, Zoe Kinnunen, as well as many of 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.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION **CALL TO PRAYER**

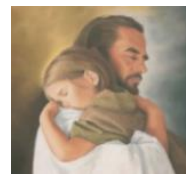
In the month of January, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayers at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and unite all those who seek the truth in sincerity:

Almighty and Eternal God, Source of our unity, look with favor on all those who follow Jesus, Your Son. Through baptism we are all consecrated to You. Help us to become one in the fullness of faith and in the fellowship of love. 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.

Eastern Diocese Mission & Evangelism Commission



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

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.”

- Matthew 25:35

Our ministry to help feed the hungry will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 2026** from 10:00 am until supplies last.

We wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of items needed as well as 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,
- 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.