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TODAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

27th Sunday in the Ordinary

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

10:00 pm – Coffee Hour

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 80: 9-10, 12-13)

V. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove away nations and planted it. You cleared the ground; it took root and filled the land.

R. It sent out boughs as far as the sea, shoots as far as the river. Why have you broken down the walls, so that all who pass by pluck its fruits.

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.

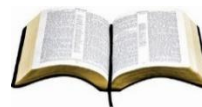
OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, of all the nations of the earth You chose the people of Israel to be Your very own. May we, who share in Your covenant, never cease to thank you for our Savior, Christ Jesu 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 THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

(Isaiah 5:1-7)

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines;

within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

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

GRADUAL

Psalm 80: 15-16, 20)

V. Turn again, Lord of hosts; look down from heaven and see; attend to this vine, the shoot your right hand has planted.
R: Lord of host, restore us; let Your face shine upon us that we may be saved.

A READING FROM SAINT PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

(Philippians 4:6-9)

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Jeremiah 2:21)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
V. I had planted you, a choice vine of fully tested stock; How could you turn out obnoxious to me, a spurious vine.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(Matthew 21: 33-43)

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again, he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance. 'They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.' What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes? They answered him, 'He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.'" Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful

in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

C. 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

(John 15:1-2)

V. I am the true vine and My Father is the vine
grower. He takes away every branch in Me that
does not bear fruit and everyone that does He
prunes so that it bears more fruit.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Lord God, accept these gifts of bread and wine,
which You have given us. Help us to be faithful
stewards of Your Sacred Mysteries. 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

(Isaiah 27:3)

V. This is how all will know that you are My
disciples, if you have love for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Almighty God, may we who have
been called to share in Your Son's work and who
have been fed at Your Holy Table, always remain
confident in Your justice, so that when our
earthly labor ends, we may share in the joys of
Your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord,
Jesus to Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

R. Amen.



PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS

DAILY MASS at 9:00 am

8:45 am - Morning Devotions

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

(October 5th – October 11th)

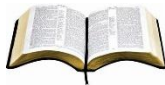
Mon.	10/5	Solemnity Exaltation of the Cross
Fri.	10/9	Mass of Health and Healing
Sat.	10/10	Mass to the Holy name of Jesus.

Please note: I will be away from the Parish from Tuesday, October 6th until Thursday, October 8th attending the Fall Session of the Eastern Diocesan Clergy Conference to be held in Madison, CT.

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11, 2026

SOLEMNITY – CHRISTIAN FAMILY

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



LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE “WORD”

10/4	- 27 th Ordinary-	Shirley Mietlicki Floyd
10/11	- Solemnity – Christian Family	Eric Dibrindisi
10/18	- 29 th Ordinary – Cheryl Major	



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 this day, and every day, for the health and healing of all of us, and most specially for those, who are homebound or in various facilities.

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 illness, and grant them recovery in Jesus’ holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You. Amen



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”

- Philippians 2



OUR FOOD MINISTRY

Our next Parish “food giveaway” from will be on Saturday, **October 17TH from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.** We are grateful for all donations given.

We wish to thank Cheryl Major, Sue & Eric Dibrindisi, Mary & Josh Tudryn for all their help as well as all those who have donated groceries.

We ask for help with the following items

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- 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.



KNOW YOUR FAITH / GROW IN CHRIST

Discipleship 2026

The Eastern Diocese will focus this month on **Christian Living**. Please join us for the eleventh in a series of virtual “Know and Grow” presentations on **Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM (EDT)**.

Father Adam Piekarczywski will explore the topic of Worship, Praise and Celebrating. Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, with lecture, meditation, discussion and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please register online at **easterndiocesepncc.org/events**



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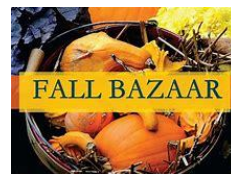
CALL TO PRAYER

In the month of October, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. has called upon all its members and friends to offer these prayers at 12:00 noon each Wednesday.

LET US PRAY

Almighty and Eternal God, with Your holy Presence bless our home and all who live here. Graciously grant that we may enjoy spiritual and physical well-being and our home be filled with piety, goodness, love and peace. May Your holy angels guard and protect us from all harm and danger. 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



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FALL BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026

9am – 12pm

PIEROGI Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th

GALABKI (Stuffed Cabbage) Schedule

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-30

APPLE PIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

To sign up or for more information, please see Linda Puchalski, chairperson for this event. For information on raffle prizes, please see Sue Dibrindisi.



Saint Francis of Assisi October 4

If you were to come into the priest sacristy of our Church, you would find a statue to St. Francis of Assisi. It is quite old, and no one seems to know of its origin. On his anniversary today, October 4th, let us reflect on his life and service to God.

His Early Life

St. Francis was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in Assisi, Umbria, a region in central Italy, around 1181. His father, Pietro di Bernardone, was a wealthy cloth merchant, and his mother was a French noblewoman. His father was traveling when he was born, and his mother had the baby christened Giovanni, the Italian name for John the Baptist. His father wanted a man of business, not of God, and renamed his son Francesco, or Francis, reflecting his love of France.

The boy grew up in wealth, learning archery, wrestling, and horsemanship, but fell in with a group of young people prone to wild parties. Francis reportedly said later, "I lived in sin" during that time.

His Spiritual Transformation

Francis was expected to follow his father into the textile business, but the thought of that life bored him. He dreamed of a future, as a knight. In 1202 AD, he joined a militia to fight for Assisi in its war with the Italian province Perugia. His forces lost and Francis was captured.

By his dress and equipment, his captors knew Francis came from a wealthy family and he was worth a ransom, so they let him live.

A year later his ransom was paid; in the interim, as he later reported, he began receiving visions from God.

After returning home, he came across a leper in the country. Instead of ignoring him, Francis, changed as his experience as a captive, embraced and kissed the man and was filled with sensations of sweetness and joy.

Life of Service

Francis became convinced that God wanted him to help poor people, so he abandoned his possessions. At a Mass in 1208 AD, Francis heard a gospel in which Jesus Christ tells his disciples to minister to people: "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff." Those words confirmed his calling to live a simple life, preach the Gospel to those in need, and rebuild the Christian Church.

Despite his vow of poverty, Francis needed money to rebuild the church, so he sold some of his father's cloth and a horse. His father took him before the local bishop, who told Francis to return his father's money. Francis stripped off his clothes and gave them and the money to his father, saying God was now his father. This event is credited as Francis' final conversion.

The bishop gave Francis a rough tunic and, dressed in these humble clothes, he began his work. Francis inspired other young men to abandon their possessions and join him, working with their hands, sleeping in caves or huts, talking about God's love and forgiveness, praying, and ministering to the poor, including lepers.

His Miracles for People

Francis prayed that God would perform miracles through him. Once, it is reported that he washed a leper and prayed for a tormenting demon to leave his soul. As the man healed, he felt remorse and reconciled with God.

Another time, three robbers stole food and drink from Francis' community. He prayed for them and sent a friar to give them bread and wine. Moved by Francis' actions, the robbers joined his order and spent their lives giving instead of taking from people.

His Miracles for Animals

Francis saw animals as his brothers and sisters and prayed that God would work through him to help them. Birds sometimes gathered while Francis spoke and listened to him. Francis began preaching to them about the ways that God had blessed them.

When Francis lived in Gubbio, in the province of Perugia, a wolf was attacking people and other animals. He met the wolf to try to tame it. The wolf charged Francis, but Francis prayed and moved toward the wolf. The wolf obeyed Francis' commands, closing his mouth and lying at Francis' feet. Francis promised that the town's people would feed the wolf regularly if it promised never to injure another person or animal. The wolf never harmed people or animals again.

While ministering to the poor and sick, Francis contracted conjunctivitis and malaria. Later, as Francis was approaching death, he went back to Assisi. He was seen as a saint awaiting only formal canonization, so knights were sent to guard him and make sure that no one could carry him off

after death. The body of a saint was seen at the time as an extremely valuable relic.

When Francis died on Oct. 3, 1226, at the age of 44, it is reported that people saw a flock of larks swooping near him and singing at the moment of his death.

His Legacy

Some thought Francis was a fool or delusional, but others saw him as one of the greatest examples of living the Christian ideal since Jesus Christ. Whether he was touched by God or madness, Francis of Assisi was well known throughout the Christian world. Because of his attention to animals, Francis is recognized by the church as the patron saint of animals. The community started by Francis and his followers became the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church, whose priests are distinguished by the rough robes they usually wear. The order still serves the poor worldwide. In 1228, only two years after his death, Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis as a saint based on evidence of miracles during his ministry.



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VINE

A “vine” is defined in the dictionary as as “a plant whose stem requires support. and which climbs by tendrils or twining or creeps along the ground.

In the Old Testament, Israel was considered as a God’s Vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:21).

In the New Testament, the vine is associated with Jesus Christ as the “true vine.” in John 15:1. Jesus declares, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.”

This imagery replaces the Old Testament picture of Israel as God’s vineyard with Christ as a “true vine” in which believers are the branches which are connected to Christ for support. In the Gospel of John 15:1-8 we read:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.”

Jesus would go on in John 15:4-5 as being the “source of life.” “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, believers cannot produce lasting spiritual fruit apart from abiding in Christ

Abiding in Christ means to remain in a continual, living relationship with Jesus, allowing His life to flow through the believer.

The goal of abiding in Christ is to bear fruit. This takes place through good works, love and obedience that reflects God’s character.

God “prunes” branches to remove all that hinders one’s spiritual growth, refining the believer for greater fruitfulness and communion with Christ.

The consequence of disconnection is when branches that do not remain in Christ are “taken away and burned” (John 15:6) which symbolizes ones eventual spiritual death.

The vine points to Jesus as the source of spiritual life and the necessity of abiding in Him.