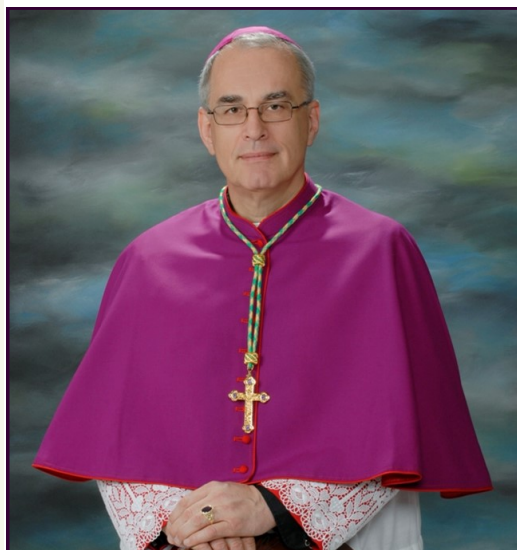


THE MESSENGER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Eastern Diocese
of the Polish National Catholic Church



You Play an Important Role in Priestly Formation

My Dear Eastern Diocesan Family:

You've all heard of Peter the Apostle, one of the Twelve, who declared "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). Peter was with Jesus for three years, listening and learning, and imitating his Rabbi; being in every way a disciple of Jesus Christ. He, along with James and John, was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. They are given the special grace of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of Jairus' daughter, and being closest to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Indeed, Peter was so prepared for his ministry that "on the Day of Pentecost, Peter boldly preached to the crowd, and the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the listeners, so that 3,000 people put their faith in Jesus that day" (Acts 2:41).

He had learned all that was necessary, and no one else would be needed in his Christian and Apostolic formation, right?!

But then how do you explain the part Cornelius the Centurion played in Peter's learning that the Holy Spirit and therefore the faith in Jesus as Son of God could be a grace for the non-Jewish people? Indeed, Cornelius was the first Gentile who became a baptized member of Christ's Church. Peter came to understand that Jesus' teaching was not only reserved for the Jewish people. He further learned, after the first council of Jerusalem, that Jesus' sacrifice ended the need for a non-Jew to be circumcised.

Indeed, Peter, kept learning, continued to be "in formation" through his Apostolic ministry. We see this in his letters and in the Acts of the Apostles. Most assuredly, those with whom Peter kept company also played a role in his "formation".

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The parish I grew up in recently had a celebration of two men who entered the holy priesthood, myself and Father Joseph Lewandowski. In addressing the people gathered, I came to understand in a greater way, what I had always known to be true: That my priestly life was formed by all those who nurtured me as a youth and young adult. Their example, teaching and lives directly influenced me to become the bishop I am today. And I continued to be influenced by all those with whom I have engaged since my seminary days till today.

All of you have participated in my formation, and continue to do so.

I want everyone to understand that we are all influencing one another. If we maintain an awareness of the roles we play in the lives of others, then we can be mindful of the things we do. This very moment, as you read this article, you may be influencing your spouse, children, parents, friends, fellow workers, fellow church family members. Are you forming them to be disciples of Christ, or are they being led an opposite way?

On September 27th, I had the opportunity to thank the All Saints Parish family in Sterling Heights, Michigan for forming me into a disciple of my Lord, Jesus Christ. Their influence was always a part of my sacramental ministry in Scranton, PA, in Chicago, IL, in Davie, FL, and in Manchester, NH; in my work as a deacon, priest, administrative senior priest and as a bishop. I will be forever grateful to them.

The apostles were thankful to those whom they served for their help in forming their ministry.

Who are you touching by your faith, love, hope, and your active life of discipleship? Who is choosing to adopt their path of discipleship based on the example you are setting?

You play an important role in priestly formation. In fact, with so many different vocations in the Church today: altar servers, lectors, sacristans, teachers, parish committee and society members, organists, choir members and more, you play an important role in all vocation formation.

By Bishop Paul Sobiechowski

*Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern diocese
Of The Polish National Catholic Church*

Resolutions of the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church



Whereas, we the delegates to the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church—representatives of the holy People of God—have convened under the leadership of our Prime Bishop and Bishops in Scranton, Pennsylvania, from the 18th through the 21st days of October in the year 2022;

Whereas, we were strengthened, enlightened and sanctified by our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, truly present in our very midst through Word and Sacrament during the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, concelebrated by our Prime Bishop and Bishops at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, first parish of the Polish National Catholic Church, and as Eucharistic people, and proclaim it as the most beautiful and important aspect of the great work of these blessed days;

Whereas, all of the Bishops of the Union of Scranton—the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Right Reverend John Mack, the Right Reverend Paul Sobiechowski, the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, the Right Reverend Jaroslaw Rafalko, the Most Reverend Robert Nemkovich, and the Most Reverend Roald Flemestad—were gathered around God’s altar to witness the Most Reverend Ottar Myrseth of the Nordic Catholic Church sign the Declaration of Scranton and to welcome him into the Union of Scranton;

Whereas, we offer our gratitude to the Central Diocese of the Church, under the leadership of the Right Reverend Bernard Nowicki, and all those who selflessly assumed and attentively carried out the responsibilities of planning and hosting this Holy Synod;

Whereas, the Polish National Catholic Church joyfully celebrates the 125th Anniversary of its Institution, and we offer our humble and sincere gratitude to God for Bishop Franciszek Hodur and the dedicated and faithful parishioners who, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sacrificed much in working together to organize our beloved Church;

Whereas, we recognize the foundation that was laid at the XXIV and bolstered at the XXV General Synods of the Polish National Catholic Church regarding our Future Direction and acclaim the efforts made over the last eight years by the Future Direction Subcommittee, wishing to especially recognize the enthusiasm of the Very Reverend Robert Nemkovich, Jr., as he steps down from the chairmanship of the Subcommittee and praying that the Holy Spirit will guide another dedicated disciple in leading these endeavors in the coming years;

Whereas, we received an impassioned and enthusiastic report from the National United Youth Association as delivered by its president Jorge Hernandez Arjona, and now pledge our support to National United Youth endeavors, and are zealously committed to work for growth or establishment of youth groups within our parishes, and for increased attendance at the biennial National Youth Convocations for which the Polish National Union of America has announced its gracious establishment of scholarships to provide financial assistance to youth who wish to attend the Convocations;

Therefore, fervently praying that Almighty God, One in the Blessed Trinity, through the prayers of Our Lady, St. Stanislaus and all the Angels and Saints, will bring forth abundant fruit from the proceedings of this XXVI General Synod, and as we now prepare to return to our parishes and build up Christ's Church by executing its work, we hereby resolve:

To continually draw our strength from the Most Holy Eucharist and the whole Sacramental life of the Church; to seek the true enlightenment that comes to us from the Sacred Scriptures and through the holy teachings of the Church; to selflessly embrace the sacrificial work that Christ has entrusted to our care by fulfilling His Two Great Commandments of Love; to faithfully walk the pathway of Christian discipleship as marked out by the pristine faith of the Undivided Church of the first millennium; and to plainly show the Polish National Catholic Church to be an integral part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church founded by Christ and professed within the Creed, by the bold witness of our words, by the shining example of our compassion, mercy and charity, and by our own lives of true and abiding holiness.

Respectfully submitted on this 21st day of October in the year 2022, by the Resolution Committee of the XXVI General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Liz Kaniewski

Western Diocese

Marilyn Folcik

Eastern Diocese

Jorge Hernandez Arjona

Central Diocese

Rev. Dr. Scott J. Lill

Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese



Resolutions of the XVII Eastern Diocese Synod October 5, 2024

The XVII Synod of the Eastern Diocese convened virtually on October 5, 2024. Hosted by the Holy Trinity Cathedral, the see of the Eastern Diocese on the PNCC, this Diocesan Synod was summoned under the authority of Rt. Rev Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Ordinary of the Eastern Diocese, and attended virtually by the Most Rev Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the PNCC.

The Synod began with prayers from the PNCC Prayer book for the church, Diocese, clergy, and youth, which set the tone and inspirations for the proceedings of this day. "Through the various reports and deliberations, we all learned of the current status of our Diocese.

Whereas, we are thankful to Bishop Sobiechowski, our senior priests - Very Rev Joseph Krusinski, Very Rev Joseph Soltysiak and Very Rev Robert Nemkovich Jr. for the planning and execution of a very successful virtual Synod.

Whereas we acknowledge the active participation of the delegates, guests, and clergy in fulfilling their discipleship role entrusted to them as members of our Holy Church and through their attendance and commitment in spreading God's word throughout our communities, our diocese and our Church.

Whereas we as delegates, have reflected upon the legacy of our faith as set forth upon us by our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur, the clergy, and organizers of the Church.

Whereas we continue to support the endeavors of the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission with the overall theme of Discipleship towards increasing the growth in our faith in Christ with monthly presentations and with renewed Spirituality among all members; in expanding community outreach programs; and enabling our responses to God's call to Sacred Vocations and service.

Whereas we acknowledge the work of the Eastern Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee which has recently merged with the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission, and has worked for many years to increase the awareness of our church by enabling parishes to use more social media technologies, especially Facebook, in promoting Holy Mass and special services, as well as holding various events and fund-raising activities, and to encourage the expansion of community engagement efforts among our parishes in exemplifying our Christian discipleship to help those in need, those in transition, and those organizations striving to assist others. We also have strongly supported, as a Diocese, aid to the clergy of our Church.

Whereas in 2025, the Christian Church will celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the formulation of the Nicene Creed through various educational presentations on how this declaration of faith was established.

Whereas in 2026, the Polish National Catholic Church will convene in Manchester, N.H. for the XXVII General Synod, as well as hosting the 2026 Youth Convo at the Berea Campus in Hebron, New Hampshire.

We, therefore, seek the grace and strength from our Lord, Jesus Christ to embrace the work He has entrusted to our care; to be inspired to execute the proceedings of this Synod as we return to our parishes and to stay strong in our commitment and firm in our Catholic faith as members of the PNCC in spite of the everchanging and challenging chaos around us. With truth, work, and struggle, we shall and will continue to succeed!

Respectfully submitted on October 5, 2024 by the Rev. Robert M. Koerber as per directed by the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski at this XVII Eastern Diocese Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church.



THE EASTERN DIOCESE “KNOW YOUR FAITH-GROW IN CHRIST” ANNUAL PROGRAM 2025



In the year 2025, the Eastern Diocese is offering a program to help church members to better understand the faith they share and to feel comfortable sharing that faith with others.

Presented through the auspices of the Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission, the program focuses on the *person of Jesus Christ*, His *identity and mission*, and how the first Christians understood and lived their faith in Him.

The topics of the monthly presentations are:

- **January: Who is Jesus? - Fr. Adam Piekarczywski**
- **February: Jesus: fully human and fully divine - Fr. Sr. Robert Nemkovich**
- **March: The Old Testament about Jesus – Deacon Justin Daviault**
- **April: Jesus’ Mission - Fr. Pawel Dudek**
- **May: Parables of Jesus – Fr. Andrew Tenus**
- **June: Miracles of Jesus - Fr. Henryk Wos**
- **July: Characteristics of Jesus – Karen Sobiechowski**
- **August: Jesus and the Law – Fr. Robert Koerber**
- **September: Jesus’ Ministry – Fr. Henryk Wos**
- **October: Jesus’ Disciples - Fr. Robert Koerber**
- **November: Jesus for the first Christians - Fr. Pawel Lukaszewicz**
- **December: Jesus for us today – Fr. Krzysztof Rogalski**

Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point, lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical applications.

The Eastern Diocese virtual Program study is led on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM. To register email either revpauls@yahoo.com or ksobiechowski@yahoo.com

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH



Summer 2025 at Holy Trinity Cathedral

June is the month for Sacred Vocations and Clergy Appreciation. We celebrated on Father's Day with a special cake for Bishop Paul. Here is parish chairman Ray Pieczarka presenting the Bishop with a gift card as a token of appreciation for his service to the Church. We all enjoyed the cake!



In July, we gathered with the Eastern Diocese clergy and faithful at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH, to celebrate an outdoor Mass in a lovely setting. Choir members from throughout the diocese led the singing.





Later in July Bishop Paul and Karen represented our parish at the National United Choirs Music Workshop in McKeesport, PA. Bishop brought back a “souvenir” from his travels - two broken fingers. Thankfully, after surgery, he is on the mend!

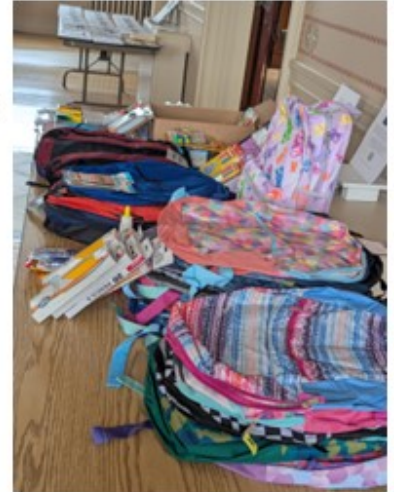


Pierogi making continued in preparation for our frozen food sale later this year. We're thankful for our volunteers.





For our summer outreach, we collected school supplies and purchased Amazon gift cards for the benefit of teachers at three Manchester public schools.



On September 7, visitors from Holy Saviour PNCC in Union City, CT, traveled to Manchester for Holy Mass at 9:00 AM..For some, it was their first trip to the Cathedral. It was a joy to worship with them and to enjoy their company at the brunch reception which followed.



Later that day, Bishop Paul baptized a new baby boy. Welcome to the Body of Christ, James Joseph Ordeshook!

God bless all!

By Karen Sobiechowski



FROM OUR PARISHES
BLESSED TRINITY PARISH
FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS



PARISH FEATURED IN THE MAKING OF CHRISTMAS

BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH &
NARROWS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
PRESENT A CHRISTMAS DOCUMENTARY
FEATURING A FALL RIVER STORY



TUESDAY DEC 2 at 7PM

THE NARROWS - 16 ANAWAN ST FALL RIVER

ADULTS \$15 - CHILDREN \$10 - ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE FALL RIVER CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE NARROWS & BLESSED TRINITY

MAY FRPD CHAPLAIN SHIFT WITH NEET (NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT & ENFORCEMENT TEAM) - MAY 30, 2025



MAY PARISH BABY SHOWER - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED! JUNE 1, 2025



PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY - BLESSED TO SERVE WITH YOU ALL! JUNE 1, 2025



BTP PARISH BABY SHOWER DRIVE DELIVERY TO PEOPLE INC. JUNE 2, 2025



People Incorporated

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For the past several years, Blessed Trinity PNCC has held their Annual Parish Baby Shower Drive and has donated many diapers and baby items to People Incorporated's Children's Services Division. The diapers and other items are much needed for the families in our Children's Center, Early Intervention, Healthy Families, and Welcome Family programs.

Our staff and families truly appreciate the generosity and kindness from Fr. Rob and Blessed Trinity!



PRAYER WITH & SERVING OUR VETS AT THE FALL RIVER VETERAN'S KITCHEN - JUNE 4, 2025



FEEDING THOSE IN NEED ON THE RAIL TRAIL WITH THE KINDNESS KITCHEN & CHARLEY - JUNE 4, 2025



BOY SCOUTS TROOP 15 MERIT BADGE NIGHT AT BLESSED TRINITY - JUNE 4, 2025



LEADS FELLOWSHIP 6.0 - THE SOUTHCOAST 2024 - 2025



LEADS Fellowship 6.0

September 2024 - June 2025



LEADS FELLOWSHIP 6.0 - LEARNING GROUP 2024 - 2025



Leaders Engaged and Activated
to Drive Systems Change

EASTERN DIOCESAN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - BRENDA, KATHY AND FR. ROB PARTICIPATED JUNE 7, 2025



CLOSING OF SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING ON PENTECOST - THANK YOU TEACHERS AND WELL DONE STUDENTS! JUNE 8, 2025



CLOSING OF SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING ON PENTECOST - THANK YOU TEACHERS AND WELL DONE STUDENTS! JUNE 8, 2025



FALL RIVER WAR VETERANS BREAKFAST AT BLESSED TRINITY JUNE 14, 2025



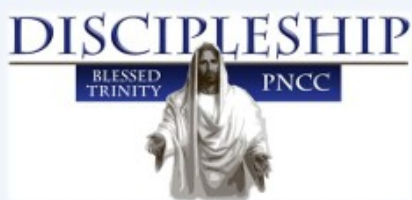
FALL RIVER WAR VETERANS BREAKFAST AT BLESSED TRINITY W/ MAYOR COOGAN, SENATOR RODRIGUES, REPS FIOLA & SILVIA
JUNE 14, 2025



FEEDING THOSE IN NEED ON THE RAIL TRAIL (60 PLUS MEALS) - THANKS TO CHARLEY AND ALL our VOLUNTEERS - JUNE 18, 2025



FEEDING THOSE IN NEED ON THE RAIL TRAIL (60 PLUS MEALS) - THANKS TO CHARLEY (SHE HELPED US MAKE 30 LOADED BLTs)
JUNE 18, 2025



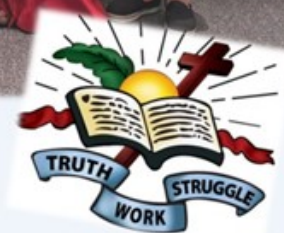
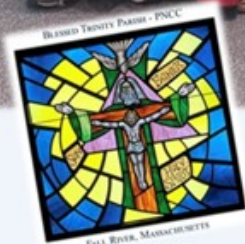
CHICKEN AND RIB BBQ AT BLESSED TRINITY - THANK YOU MIKE AND ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS SOLD OUT! - JUNE 21, 2025



CHICKEN AND RIB BBQ AT BLESSED TRINITY - JUNE 21, 2025



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT AT BLESSED TRINITY - JUNE 25, 2025



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT AT BLESSED TRINITY - JUNE 25, 2025



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT - SERVING AT THE FALL RIVER VETERAN'S KITCHEN W/ MAYOR COOGAN - JUNE 25, 2025



ALTAR SERVER RETREAT - ENJOYING THE BEACH ON A 95 DEGREE DAY & LEAVING A CROSS- JUNE 25, 2025



FEEDING OUR UNSHELTERED AND THOSE IN NEED WITH THE KINDNESS KITCHEN ON THE RAIL TRAIL - JULY 9, 2025



FALL RIVER SUMMER EVENING IN THE PARK AT FATHER KELLY PARK w/ MAYOR COOGAN, NEIGHBORHOOD PRESIDENT KATHY & OUR FRFD COMFORT DOG SOPHIE - JULY 9, 2025



FRPD CHAPLAIN SHIFT RIDE ALONG WITH UNIFORM DIVISION - JULY 10, 2025

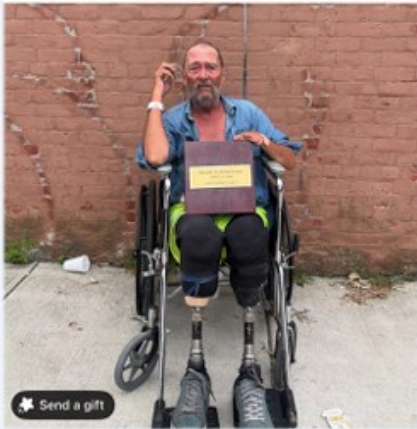


SUMMER SPECIAL POLISH FOOD SALE - THANKS TO OUR CREW - JULY 12, 2025



GABRIEL HOUSE FIRE IN FALL RIVER RESPONSE - JULY 14, 2025

"Michael Pimentel reunited with his mother's ashes after assisted living fire in Fall River." - Jo Goode



Father Rob Nemkovich recovers a family members ashes for one of the fire survivors. HERALD NEWS/COLIN FURZE



ON WSAR WITH FALL RIVER EMS CHIEF FAUNCE, CAPT. FERGUSON & STATE REP ALAN SILVIA - GABRIEL HOUSE FIRE - JULY 15, 2025



"Fall River EMS Director Beth Faunce embraces Gabriel Assisted Living resident Michael Pimentel on Monday at the Timeo Center after his mother's ashes were recovered from his residence. Pimentel, who is wheelchair bound and a double amputee, was rescued through a window by firefighters." - Jo Goode



FEEDING THOSE IN NEED WITH THE KINDNESS KITCHEN ON THE RAIL TRAIL AND PRAYER OFFERED! - JULY 16, 2025
JOINED THIS WEEK BY EDIBLE CREATIONS BY GERRY AND HARTLEY'S PORK PIES



FIRE AND POLICE SUPPORT/THERAPY DOG GATHERING AT BATTLESHIP COVE HOSTED BY THE FRFD - JULY 18, 2025



FRPD CHAPLAIN RIDE ALONG WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT TEAM AND ON THE POLICE BOAT WITH THE HARBORMASTER AT THE SPEEDBOAT POKER RUN - AUGUST 1-2, 2025



HUNDREDS AT THE HEALTH FIRST PALOOZA FOR OUR FALL RIVER YOUTH AND FAMILIES - AUGUST 2, 2025



HUGE CREW AT OUR ANGELS ANONYMOUS FOOD OFFLOAD - 10,000 PLUS POUNDS OF FOOD TO HELP OTHERS! AUGUST 5, 2025



8 FROM OUR PARISHES IN THE BEFORE PIC !!





**THRIVE LUNCHES FOR OUR HOMELESS (MEATLOAF SANDWICHES)
THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED & DONATED! AUGUST 9, 2025**



SUMMER 2025 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - THANKS TO ALL DONATED! AUGUST 10, 2025



FALL RIVER VETERANS' KITCHEN WEEKLY LUNCHEON - BLESSED TO PRAY WITH & SERVE OUR VETS! AUGUST 13, 2025



BLESSING OF FLOWERS AND HERBS ON THE DORMITION/ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER AUGUST 15, 2025



STAND OUT AGAINST STIGMA - RECOVER FALL RIVER AUGUST 22, 2025



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AFTER HOLY MASS - HAVE A BLESSED SCHOOL YEAR!

AUGUST 24, 2025



PRAYER AT INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY - AUGUST 29, 2025



PRAYER AT INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN THE RAIN! - AUGUST 29, 2025



LABOR DAY PIEROGI MAKING - THANKS TO OUR CREW THAT MADE 535 DOZEN - DAY 1 - AUG. 30, 2025



LABOR DAY PIEROGI MAKING - THANKS TO OUR CREW THAT MADE 535 DOZEN - DAY 2 - AUG. 31, 2025



Upcoming Parish Events and Information

Sept. - Monthly Food Drive

Sept. 14 - School of Christian Living Classes begin

Sept. 25 & 27 - Cabbage Pierogi Making

Oct. 4 - Blessing of Animals

Oct. 16-18 - Golabki Making

Oct. 24 & 25 - Polish Food Fest

Nov. 19 - Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Brunch & Parcel Post Auction

Nov. 27 - Fall River Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner

Nov. 27 - Christmas Food and Toy Drive begin

Dec. 6 - Spaghetti Supper by Youth Group

Dec. 14 - Living Nativity

Dec. 20 - Christmas Toy Drive Wrapping with FRPD

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day No One Alone Christmas Brunch



**BLESSED TRINITY PARISH
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY HOLY MASS @ 8:30 AM**

Mailing Address:

**1340 Plymouth Ave.
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Pastor: Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich

Phone: 508-672-4854

Email: RobNem21@aol.com

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Fall River, MA 02721**

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**Serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His Holy Church
in the greater Fall River community since 1898**

2025 FALL NEWSLETTER HOLY CROSS PARISH

320 HIGH STREET - CENTRAL FALLS, RI

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Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich



An event filled summer at Holy Cross as Divine Worship and Discipleship abounded in many ways as we live our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord!

BLESSING OF BREADS IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ON PENTECOST - THANK YOU MICHAEL AND PAULA! JUNE 8, 2025





CABBAGE PREP AT HOLY CROSS - THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS JUNE 10, 2025



HOLY CROSS TRADITIONAL POLISH DINNER - THANKS TO ALL WHO PREPARED, SERVED AND ATTENDED - JUNE 14, 2025



HOLY CROSS TRADITIONAL POLISH DINNER - THANKS TO ALL WHO PREPARED, SERVED AND ATTENDED - JUNE 14, 2025



NORTHEAST SENIORATE CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION AT HOLY CROSS - JUNE 19, 2025



NORTHEAST SENIORATE CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION AT HOLY CROSS - JUNE 19, 2025



HOLY CROSS CENTRAL FALLS - PAWTUCKET FOOD DISTRIBUTION - THANKS TO OUR CREW - JUNE 21, 2025



CENTRAL FALLS / PAWTUCKET
HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Saturday June 21st begins at 9 am



DISCIPLESHIP
HOLY CROSS PNCC



BAPTISM OF WYATT AT HOLY CROSS - WELCOME TO THE CHURCH AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU! JUNE 22, 2025



BLESSING OF HONEY IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - THANK YOU MICHAEL & PAULA! JUNE 22, 2025



BLESSING OF FLOWERS, HERBS & FRUITS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - AUGUST 10, 2025
THANK YOU MICHAEL AND PAULA!



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION - THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS HELPING 40 HOUSEHOLDS - AUGUST 16, 2025



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED! AUGUST 17, 2025



PIEROGI MAKING AT HOLY CROSS - THANKS TO OUR CREW! AUGUST 23, 2025



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SUPPLY DELIVER TO CENTRAL FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
THANK YOU BRENDA & LYNETTE! AUGUST 27, 2025**



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
Ladies Society
ROAST PORK SUPPER
Gift Card & Cash Raffle**



**Saturday - Oct. 18th at 5:30 pm
\$15 per person**

**Join us at Holy Cross Parish
320 High Street - Central Falls, RI
For tickets contact: Brenda Richard
Email: button9744@gmail.com
Phone: 508-223-6047**



Polish Kitchen @ Holy Cross

"Take Out Only" - Pre-Orders Recommended

Saturday - November 22nd - 11 am to 2 pm

**Cheese Pierogi, Cabbage Pierogi
Golabki & Kielbasa Sandwiches**



**Holy Cross Parish
320 High Street
Central Falls, RI**

**To order and for information email:
button9744@gmail.com**



From our parishes...

Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, RI

- **Each Third Saturday of the Month – Free Community Lunch**

Every third Saturday, we offer a Free Community Lunch to anyone in need. During the winter months, those who stop by enjoy a warm and delicious soup prepared by our exceptional cook, Lonnie Watson. In the summer, we serve sandwiches, hot dogs, snacks, and water to help beat the heat.

Each time, we serve at least 50 meals on-site, with an additional 20-30 lunches delivered by Fr. Henryk to the Men's Shelter and others in need in Woonsocket.

We are grateful to be able to serve and support our community in this way.



- Many blessings to our parishioner Mary Fournier on her birthday. May God bless you abundantly every day of your life!



• Our Saviour's Meat Raffle

It's Fall! September 26th marked the arrival of our final Meat Raffle and More of 2025.

They are held 3 times a year ... the last Friday of January, April, and September.

A very large crowd was in attendance. The parish hall was decorated in bright Fall colors. The holiday-themed tables were filled with many "treasures" to be taken home at the end of the evening.

Everyone was engaged in lively conversations while enjoying a complimentary bowl of soup, dessert, and a beverage. Philip Kaczorowski began the night by welcoming everyone. Then the business of winning prizes began, and the hopeful crowd quieted down.



“Twins” Pat Kaczorowski (Event Chairperson)
and Pat Balasco (Split-the-Pot winner).

With the purchase of a \$20.00 Meat Raffle Pass, you had the opportunity to win over 100 prizes.

Our Volunteer parishioners and Friends of Our Saviour's Parish fulfilled many roles to make this Meat Raffle one of our greatest successes.

So many Friends (new and old) spent a wonderful and fun-filled evening together.

Most of all, everyone left the event a winner ... not only with prizes, but in friendship and community as well.

Please join us for our next Meat Raffle on January 30, 2026.

Wishing you good health, happiness, and wealth.

Meat Raffle and More Co-Chairs

Patricia and Philip Kaczorowski



Our Favorite Couple- Sally & Lonnie Watson

Father Wos and Philip Kaczorowski - Emcee



Robert, Carol, Bailey and Olivia manning the Penny Raffle Table.



Great Auntie Kelly and her great nephews/ our youngest attendees



Raffles and Split-the-Pot



Michael and Gerry pulling the winning tickets



Meat Raffle, Breakfast Package, Mystery Envelopes and Bags



Penny Social Table with 25 prizes.



Our Saviour's Upcoming Events:



- **Last Sunday (September 28) we started our SOCL classes.** May the Almighty bless our children and teachers in their spiritual journey this school year.
- **In October we pray Rosary before the Sunday Mass at 10am.** As Catholics we believe in the special intercessory power of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through her intercession we will be praying to God in all our intentions and for the Peace in the world. Please join us for this beautiful prayer.
- **Free Community Lunch is served every third Saturday of the month from 11-12:30.**
- **Annual Potluck Picnic** will be on Sunday, **October 5th, beginning at 11:30am**, following our 10:30am mass. This is a potluck lunch, so bring your favorite dish! Great fun and laughs will be had by all! The plan is outside, but we will be in the hall if the weather is not cooperating. Please join us as all are welcome!
- **Pierogi workshops will be held on Saturdays October 25th and November 8th.** Please join us!
- **Annual Harvest Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 26th, after the Mass at 10:30 am.** Buffet style: eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, rolls, pastry, beverage. We will have Split the Pot and Raffle as well. Adults \$10.00, children 12&under \$5.00. Children 3 and under-free. Please join us and bring your friends.
- **Free Veterans Pasta and Meatball Dinner** will be on Thursday, **November 6th, from 5:00–7:00pm** in our Church Hall. Please contact Ed Nawrocki 401-658-2174 email eddietrout@aol.com or Gerry Ethier 401-487-4887 email gnetthier@cox.net to let us know how many are coming. Talk to your neighbors, friends, and any veterans. We had a wonderful turnout last year and hope to see you all again!
- **Polish Plate Lunch and more** will be held on **Saturday, November 22nd, from 11am-2pm.** Come and enjoy a Polish Plate Lunch for \$15 (2 pierogi, 1 golabek, fried cabbage and kielbasa, rye bread, and apple square). Dine in or take out. Dinners are served hot. Also while you are there, shop for *Something Old or Something New*, take a chance at our *Straw Table* and *Raffles*, and grab a bite of pastry and cup of coffee with us! Tickets are NOT being sold ahead of time. Cabbage soup and kielbasa sandwiches will be available, and maybe some other things as well. Come before we run out!

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA

• Monthly Veteran Breakfast

We continue to do our prayer breakfast for the local veterans on the last Saturday of the month. They enjoy a good hearty breakfast and some conversation.

The event is always well attended. It's a great time for the veterans and their spouses to gather together to socialize.



Thank you to all parishioners for supporting these monthly outreach events. Serving others in their needs is a sign of their Christian care and brotherly love.



• Other News:

Holy Trinity donated a check to the Blessed Backpack Brigade, a local organization that feeds the needy and underprivileged with bi-weekly meals. They supply personal hygiene as well as clothing to those in need. Holy Trinity was happy to be able to sponsor a meal.

Since May 2025, the Holy Trinity Parish hall has been in daily use by several local AA groups. We are grateful to be able to support them by providing a welcoming space for their meetings.

From our parishes...

St.Valentine 's Parish, Northampton, MA



PARISH OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE - 2025

As we try to help our community with outreach projects, our parishioners provided donations of non-perishable food items during the month of June. The parish collected food items totaling over 65 pounds. Food items were delivered to the Northampton Survival Center; the staff expressed a deep appreciation for the great variety of food items. Thank you to all who provided food items for the Food Drive project.

Krysia Newman



Events/Classes/Meetings

POLISH HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NORTHAMPTOM MEETINGS

at St. Valentine's Church Parish Hall — every first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm



**Every Thursday from
October 16 at 6:30 pm
Join us!!!
Contact: Fr. Adam**





St. Joseph's Parish, Stratford, CT

It's been a summer of transition for our parish as we said goodbye to Father Tom and welcomed Father Paul Dudek as our new administrator.

Crafts group items blessed



In the beginning of June during Mass, Father Tom blessed the works of our crafts group and parishioners.

Eight fleece blankets completed during our monthly coffee hours complemented three crocheted blankets, two dozen beanies, and eighty rosaries. All items were brought to Yale-New Haven hospital to be distributed to patients in need of God's comfort.

High school graduation/5 year altar server

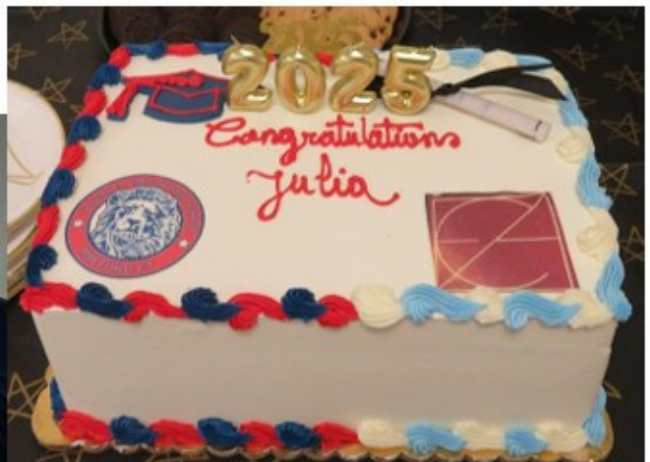


On June 22nd, our parish celebrated two events, the high school graduations of Julia Vasas and her five year anniversary of being an altar server. During Mass, Father Tom blessed Julia's cross and bestowed it upon her at the reception afterwards. The parish gave Julia not only a cake

(gluten-free), but a generous gift toward her college studies. Julia graduated from both Foran High School and the Educational Center for the Arts and is matriculating at Millikan University in Illinois, with a planned major in Technical Theater.



Our congratulations go out to Julia on her accomplishment!



Backpack supplies collected



In July, the parish collected school supplies and backpacks to be donated to Stratford's Back-to-School Fair which distributed them to students in need. Father Paul blessed the supplies during Mass on July 27th before they were delivered to the town. The final tally was:

- 7 backpacks
- 35 packages of markers
- 12 bottles of glue
- 37 packages of glue sticks
- 12 packages of colored pencils
- 15 packages of ballpoint pens
- 22 packages of #2 pencils
- 40 boxes of crayons
- 8 pairs of scissors
- 4 rulers
- 1 calculator
- 4 packages of highlighters
- 3 packs of erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 folders
- 2 packs of index cards
- 2 packs of loose leaf paper
- 12 pencil cases
- 4 binders
- 13 composition notebooks
- 24 spiral notebooks



Our thanks to all who participated in this outreach program for their generosity!

Food collections

For the month of June, all our food collections were geared toward children whose only source of food is their school so Sterling House could provide nutritious food for these children until classes resumed at the end of August. The picture below is merely one week's donations. Food collected during July and August went to both Sterling House and Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry.



Upcoming Events

Our crafts group will resume meeting on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. starting September 18th after their summer break. All are welcome to join!

For the month of September, we will be collecting toiletry items for the Veterans. Starting in mid-October, we will once again use our Reverse Thanksgiving Calendar to collect food for local families to have a full Thanksgiving meal.

Planning is well underway for our annual Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday, 6 December 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please stop in if you are in the neighborhood that day!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Vasas
Office Coordinator/Music Director

From our parishes...

Saint Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA

- **St. Casimir's Boston Red Sox trip**

The Boston Red Sox, as part of their Cultural and Identity Celebration, held a Polish celebration day at Fenway park on June 11th. Members of St. Casimir's and the Polish American Veterans (PAV) of Lowell filled a chartered bus for the trip to the park in Boston. Each of us received a free giveaway - a custom Red Sox Polska hat. It was fun to see many of the fans sporting the Polish colors.



The celebration started in the late afternoon, prior to the start of the game. Pre-game festivities on Jersey Street featured Polka music by the Eddie Forman Orchestra. People were dancing the polka and there was even some line dancing to the Polka beat.

In addition to the music, there was Polish food to enjoy before game time. A favorite of the pregame fun is Big League Brian with the number 1 ½! Big League Brian walks around the crowds, throws pitches for fans to catch, and takes fun photos with the kids. He can even balance the bill of a baseball cap on his nose.



The game was exciting, the park was full of fans, and best of all, the Red Sox won!

- **ANS Summer Social**

The women of St. Casimir's ANS society, and invited guests, held a summer social event this August. The friends met at a local restaurant, Good Thymes in Lowell, MA to have lunch and socialize a bit. The annual event is a chance for ANS members and friends to celebrate the accomplishments made through the year.



- **Pastor Appreciation day**

St. Casimir's celebrated Pastor Appreciation day on Sunday, June 22nd. This day is set aside to recognize the contributions and service provided by pastors in our church. On this day we note the great contributions Father Tenus brings to our parish, such as preparing the weekly messages and sermons, visiting those in our parish who are sick or housebound, performing funeral masses, and celebrating the happy occasions such as marriages, Holy First Communions, and requests for special blessings.

Following Mass, parishioners gathered at the hall to show our appreciation for Father Tenus. Co-chairs Robert Hunt and Robert Quirbach congratulated Father Tenus and thanked him for his work. Charlotte Stankewicz of the Fredrick Chopin choir and Paula Jones, treasurer of our ANS, presented Father Tenus with cards and gifts. Then we all enjoyed a beautiful brunch made by members of the ANS.



- **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated in St. Casimir's**

On Sunday, August 3, 2025 Phyllis and Bob Hunt renewed their wedding vows. Rev. Father Andrew Tenus officiated at the fiftieth anniversary celebration.

After renewing their vows, Father Andrew presented special gifts to them according to Polish custom. Bob was gifted with a staff with a cross attached symbolizing the support of their continuing journey of life together. It also symbolizes the support of Christ that ennobles their wedding life. Phyllis was given a lovely floral crown which was created and made by Agnes Tenus. The crown represents the grace God has bestowed on their marriage with a blessing that one day they may both exchange it for a crown of eternal glory and life.

Bob and Phyllis are integral members of St. Casimir's Parish. Bob is parish co-chairman and heads the upkeep and care of our parish cemetery. He is "Johnny on the spot" whenever anything needs fixing.



Bob and Phyllis Hunt with family

Helping Phyllis and Bob celebrate this momentous anniversary were daughters Johanna Ford-Hunt and Maggie Mason with her husband Mike. Also in attendance were their three grandchildren, Ian Ford-Hunt, Emma Ford-Hunt and Patrick Mason.

St. Casimir's Parish wishes this wonderful couple God's richest blessings and many happy times in the future.

Bob and Phyllis Hunt after the Blessing on their 50th Wedding Anniversary



• **Back to School**

During the summer months, the parishioners of St. Casimir's collected supplies for Lowell area students returning to school in September. The event was sponsored by the ANS society. Throughout the weeks leading up to August we accepted donations that included backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, and other items a student needs for a successful school year. The donations were brought to the Central Food Ministry by JoAnn Menzia, Phyllis Hunt, and Paula Jones and delivered to a volunteer, Angel Colon.

Central Food Ministry is volunteer organization, founded in 1994, that provides food, clothing, and household items to families in need. The majority of families/individuals come from the City of Lowell, but they also serve clients from Dracut, Billerica, Chelmsford, and Tewksbury.

• **Blessing of backpacks**

Back to school would not be the same without St. Casimir's annual blessing of the backpacks service. A blessing of the backpacks involves prayers to send children off to school with God's presence and support. Here's to the young students returning to their studies after a summer of fun. Prayers and good wishes to them, their teachers, and their families.

By Janice Klimczak

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT



- **Annual Holiday Bazaar and Tag Sale.**

On Saturday, November 1, 2025, Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT will host its Annual Holiday Bazaar and Tag Sale. As in previous years, the bazaar will feature craft vendors, a basket raffle, a Baked Goods table, and a Christmas grab bag tree for the children. However, the most eagerly awaited activity is the Polish Kitchen with its offerings of gołambki, pierogi, kielbasa, sauerkraut, and rye bread. In addition, hot dogs will also be available. Hours are 9 am to 3 pm, and there is no entry fee.

Basket Raffle (from previous year)



Craft vendor (from previous year)

By Marilyn Folcik

From our parishes...

Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA

- **A Season of Renewal at Holy Cross Church in Ware**

When Fr. Paweł Łukaszewicz arrived as the new pastor of Holy Cross Church in Ware, there was a sense that something fresh was beginning. The parish, rooted in faith and tradition, quickly found new energy. Conversations after Mass turned into ideas, and those ideas soon became action.

One of the first hopes to emerge was to join hands with a local food bank. Rather than starting from scratch, the parish saw the value of partnership. By working together, Holy Cross will soon be able to serve meals to those in need, making sure no one in the community is forgotten at the table.

The spirit of giving didn't stop there. Before the summer ended, parishioners organized their first school supply collection. Bags filled with notebooks, pencils, and crayons began to pile up—each item a small sign of love and support for a child. At the end of September, these supplies will be carried to a local Ware school, a gift from Holy Cross to help students start their year with confidence.

Life inside the parish has been just as lively. The kitchen has been buzzing with activity, as volun-

teers scrub, sort, and organize to prepare for future gatherings and the beloved Christmas Bazaar. The church grounds, too, have seen renewal, as old and damaged trees were cleared away, leaving the property open, safe, and welcoming.





By Monika Lukaszewicz

Through it all, the people of Holy Cross have discovered that the work itself is a blessing. Neighbors have met neighbors, friendships have deepened, and the parish is now hoping that, with God's help, new faces will soon appear to share in this spirit of renewal.

As Holy Cross in Ware steps into this new season, guided by faith and hope, the story unfolding is one of gratitude. With God's help, and under the leadership of Fr. Paweł Łukaszewicz, the parish looks forward to many more blessings yet to come.

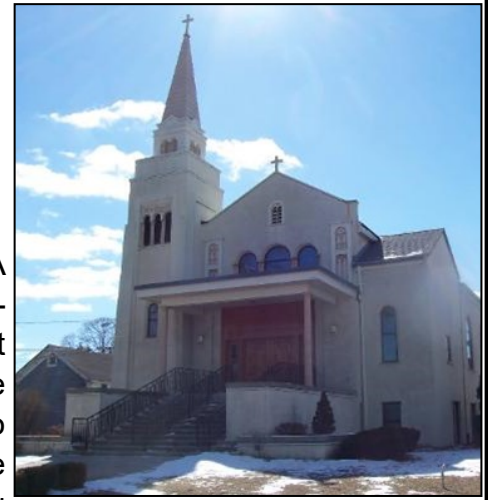


From our parishes...

St. Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA

- **Feeding the Hungry** -Fourth Monday of Every Month

St. Joseph's Parish feeds the hungry in Westfield, MA (approximately 80 individuals), once a month on the fourth Monday. Individual donation envelopes are located next to the Sunday collection basket for those who would like to contribute financially to this great cause, or you may contact the Parish Rectory via phone call or email using the Contact Us page. Please make checks payable to "St. Joseph's Food Bank". For those looking to volunteer, please contact Father Joe at the Rectory or use the Contact Us page.



- **Crowning of Mary**

On Sunday, May 4th, we celebrated the Crowning of Mary. Our church youth members assisted in placing a wreath of flowers and herbs on our statue of Mary to honor her as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. This is a yearly ceremony which included a procession to the front of the sanctuary where the children then placed the crown of flowers upon our statue of Mary. This was followed by prayers and hymns.



Brady Soltysiak, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak's grandson, performing a piano piece for a small audience at Saint Josph's Social Center.

Jonah Soltysiak, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak's grandson , ringing the church bells.



- **The new chairlift installed**

The new chairlift was installed on July 16th. It is fully functional and ready to be used by those parishioners who need assistance entering and exiting the sanctuary. ***The Church is still accepting donations to help defray the cost of the new chairlift and installment. Thank you to those who have already donated.***

- **Sunday School Graduation**

Sunday School Graduation was held on June 8th. Father Joe distributed the graduation certificates and congratulated the children who attended the ceremony. Afterwards, refreshments and treats were served. ***Blessings and congratulations to the graduates!***



- **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion for Scarlet, Carson and Brendan Jones of Saint Joseph's Parish. Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, pastor, giving a special sermon to his communion class. These children are also part of Fr. Sr. and Ma, aka Janice's family.



- **Blessing of the Vows**

Fr. Sr. Soltysiak pf Saint Joseph's Parish in Westfield blesses the vows of Eugene and Elizabeth Paulson. The Paulsons are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.



- **Memorial Day Cleanup and Repair**

Due to the hard efforts of our Men's Club members and others, the American flag is once again proudly flying at our church and cemetery this Memorial Day. New lights were also installed in the cemetery chapel cross and an engraved granite stone that was once part of the pillars at the entrance of the cemetery was moved to the bottom of the flag pole. Thank you to all who worked hard on this clean up and repair process!



- **Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak first round of chemo.** He found out he has stage four small cell lung cancer. One day before his one year anniversary of his new liver.



Fourth round of chemo. Chemo has left him feeling all around tired and that is it, no other physical symptoms.



By Janice Soltysiak

Being on the altar is all that he needs.

From our parishes...

Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT

From the Parish' life....

- **Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament — Adoration Society (ANS)**

We are pleased that ANS has again become an active committee. We have 7 paid members who are all working hard. We had the pleasure of hosting a Holy Week event for the Diocese. We prepared a beautiful dinner for the Diocesan Bishop and the many clergymen who took part in this very beautiful service, the Chrism Mass. Holy Oils used throughout the diocese are blessed by the Diocesan Bishop and the priests renew their vows to Christ and his Holy Church. We adorned the church with a beautiful display of Easter flowers. Thank you, Peter Lehman, for picking them up and setting them in place.

Taste of Poland night has proven to be a great time to raise funds. We have had three successful events so far, a bake sale and two other fundraisers. We have received some generous donations from church members to whom we are grateful, our goal is to help the Parish with expenses as well as helping members and non-profit groups in the community.

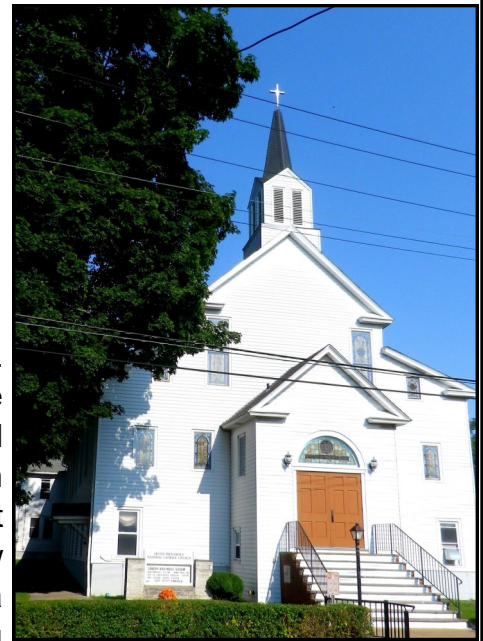
Colleen Pinckney, ANS Financial Secretary & Treasurer

- **Bible Study**

With new families and youth in the Church, we are taking the initiative of an upcoming Bible Study for young adults and a Sunday School for youth. We thank the grandchildren of recently departed Ray and Beverly Leyko, who have joined our Parish with their initiatives in community and youth involvement with great spirit, warmth, and dedication to faith. We look forward to spending this time with our youth.

- **Music Ministry**

The organ plays tunefully the Amen's, Peace Be With You responses, And Also With You, Thanks Be to God, Glory Be to You Lord, and Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ in G-major. The happy, joyous key helps us *understand* God's peace. Melodic and soft, full and airy, the organ sits on the preset 1 for the chosen instruments and sound, and is turned 2 notches to the left of N on the Transposer which lowers the scales to help our early morning songs reach the high notes. The rolling of the wooden cover when lifted, the soft yellow lights on the pages, the pedal resistance increasing volume of song, and the foot-keys' deep, rich bass are all comforting and familiar. Likewise, the *knowledge* of the Preface key shift into the B-flat provides a familiar reverence with B-flat and E-flat notes, and together with the words, the *piety* and sadness of the key shift and lyrics foretell and capture Jesus' sadness in the garden of Gethsemane. Shortly after, hands lift left and right to play the Sanctus, joyful words of Hosanna sung in a sad key before Communion. Silence follows, with prayer of the Canon, remembering the Last Supper. With more prayer thereafter, we sing like a lullaby, "Our Father." When I was young, the Our Father was played forcefully on the organ with power, as was the Sanctus, on preset 4, with powerful loud instruments that support the *fear of the Lord* and voices filled with a tone of *fortitude*. I still love playing the dramatic last reach over 3 octaves for the last chord in Sanctus, but playing it softer, and especially playing Our Father softer, provides reflection over the words sung, and a chance for *wisdom*.



Reflecting on Wisdom, I've been intending to write how I still have difficulty mastering the chords for our hymn to the Holy Spirit, whose lyrics include, "teach our hearts to know your wisdom." Mysteriously enough, in writing about the music ministry throughout the Mass, six of the seven *gifts of the Holy Spirit* have already found their way into the writing study above; and the remaining gift is *counsel* - advice. In counsel, I advise everyone in their free time to download the Spotify app or open the website Spotify.com on their web browser, and enjoy listening to "Psalm 19: Your Words, Lord, Are Spirit and Life" by Bob Hurd, Craig Kingsbury, and Rick Modlin, found in the album or compilation "Journey songs Third Edition: Volume 1." I also highly recommend Volumes 22 and 28. They are beautiful, inspiring compilations and they're free. Happy listening!

Thank you to Lee, Sue, Karen, and the congregation for their part in my music journey, and to my parents, for without whom I would not be able to read music. I dedicate this piece in memory of Jenny, whose only memory of mine is her holding the church door open for me; let us continue to open welcoming doors for each other into the church with kindness, and practice difficult songs that the Spirit has yet to teach us, we still have more to learn about God's wisdom for us.

Natalie, Organist

- **Church Bell and church benches**

The construction of this beautiful, breathtaking church began in 1922. The bell, in its time, pealed every Sunday and at various hours daily. The ringing reminds the neighborhood that it is a special time of the day for worship and prayer.

The wooden pews were numbered from 18 to 59 and still stand. They are a shining reminder of the worshipful past. What became of the bench's occupants? Many are resting in peace for the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Numerous elderly church members relocated to warmer climates so they could escape the harsh New England Winters. Unfortunately, others cannot get out of their homes. They are homebound alone. Despite the above factors, some are able to tune into Zoom and watch the Eastern Diocese Virtual Bible Study, every second Thursday of each month, from seven to eight p.m.

The church members now have the freedom to sit in any pews they desire. Nevertheless, the Polish National Catholic Church still stands. It shall always remain a beacon of hope, of love, and of worship for the people.

It is a blessing, a miracle to our world.

What part are you playing?

What part can you play?

Let the Bell, continue to peal out its melodious Hymns.

Rene Gagnon

National and Diocesan Events:

EASTERN DIOCESAN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - June 7, 2025



EASTERN DIOCESE CLERGY ZOOM MEETING - MAY GOD BLESS OUR BISHOP, CLERGY AND DIOCESE - JULY 9, 2025



FUNERAL MASS OF + FR. SR. JOSEPH KRUSIENSKI - HOLY TRINITY PNCC, PLANTSVILLE, CT - JULY 19, 2025



2025 EASTERN DIOCESE YOUTH RETREAT - CAMP BEREA, HEBRON, NH! AUGUST 18 - 21, 2025



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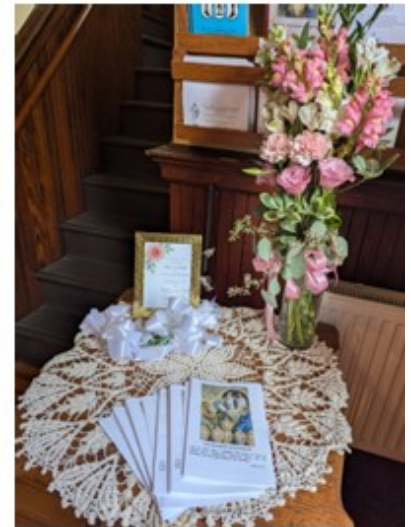
2025 EASTERN DIOCESE YOUTH RETREAT - CAMP BEREA, HEBRON, NH! AUGUST 18 - 21, 2025



Sto Lat! to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Koerber!!!

A Wedding Celebration!

On Saturday September 13, 2025, friends and family gathered to witness the marriage of two wonderful people, Father Robert Koerber and Ms. Halina Lukomski. The ceremony took place at Holy Name of Jesus PNCC in South Deerfield, MA, with Bishop Paul Sobiechowski officiating and celebrating the nuptial Mass. Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak was in attendance and Father Justin Daviault assisted the Bishop at the altar.



Halina's son escorted her into the church.

Mrs. Barbara Stahelski, organist, with parish choir members, provided the music for the Mass. Father Robert's nephew, Dylan, served as best man. Halina's daughter, Julie, was her maid of honor.



Congratulations to the new Rev. and Mrs. Robert Koerber! God's blessings and Sto Lat!



PNA Council 303 Thanksgiving Raffle and Request for Your Support of our Youth and Diocesan Fraternalism

Dear Friends:

Our Council continues to support our diocese – especially our youth. This past Youth Retreat our District covered the costs for all the activities for our youth. The council also supported the diocesan wide school supply drive this past summer. Also, this November we will be helping one of our parishes sponsor a Thanksgiving Basket Drive to promote Fraternalism in our District/ Council. Please consider supporting this endeavor as it benefits our youth and diocese with Fraternal Activities.

The Thanksgiving Raffle will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2025, immediately following the Thanksgiving Brunch at Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River. One \$50.00 and two \$25.00 cash prizes are being awarded.

Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00 and 7 for \$10.00. Please download the tickets and make as many copies as necessary. Your generous support of our District 3 fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

Ask your Pastor for tickets!!!

Checks in payment for the Thanksgiving Raffle tickets should be made payable to **“Blessed Trinity - PNA Council 303”**. Checks and ticket stubs should be returned to PNA Council 303 c/o Blessed Trinity Parish, 37 Winthrop Street, Fall River, MA 02721.

Thank you for your help in this fund-raising effort for our Council.

Faternally yours,

Brenda Richard

Name

Address

Phone

2025 THANKSGIVING RAFFLE
PNA Council 303



Happy Thanksgiving
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

1 - \$50.00 & 2 - \$25.00 cash prizes
Drawing Sunday, Nov. 23rd
Donation - \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00; 7 for \$10.00



“Know Your Faith, Grow in Christ” Discipleship 2025



The Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism (EDME) Commission exists to inspire, encourage, and support our parishes in their spiritual growth (*internal mission*) and to equip them to share the Good News in practical ways within their communities (*external mission*). Growth occurs as we deepen our understanding of the faith, spend time with Jesus in prayer and study, and share God’s love with others in tangible ways.

The EDME Commission offers resources such as monthly prayer calendars, special Wednesday prayers at noon, and a virtual program titled **“Know Your Faith — Grow in Christ,”** held on the second Thursday of each month.

In 2024, the program reflected on the *person of Jesus’ mission*, and how the first Christians understood and lived their faith in Him. In 2025, we are focusing on Jesus Christ human and divine nature, prophecies, mission, miracles and who He is for us today. For this year’s monthly topics see page 6 of this Newsletter.

We warmly invite you and your friends to participate so we can all “Know and Grow” together!

Is your parish actively engaged in outreach to the community? If you’re looking for inspiration, the EDME provides suggestions for outreach initiatives, with a new focus each quarter.

The more we experience the light of Christ through learning, fellowship, prayer, and almsgiving, the more brightly our Church will shine, drawing others back to the Lord. Skeptical? Give it a try and see how God can trans-



Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Quarterly Outreach: Collect Warm Clothing



Autumn is here, and the
temperatures are dropping.
People of all ages need to stay warm.
Can you help?

You can collect
socks for the homeless,
sweats for vets,
coats for kids,
scarves, hats, and gloves
for any and all.



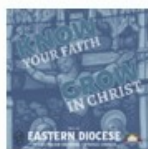
Every parish, large or small, can do something. See what's
needed in your community and contribute.
God bless!



This year, the Know and Grow series has been recorded so that if you miss the live event, or just want to rewatch it, you can watch the session later. Now, the series is also available as a podcast.

Simply visit your favorite podcast platform and search for Eastern Diocese PNCC. The Know and Grow series should be the first option. Direct links are also available on the diocesan website.

Make sure to add the podcast to your library and turn on notifications so that you are notified as soon as new episodes are available each month.



or visit linktr.ee/easterndiocesepncc



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EASTERN DIOCESE PNCC GRANT APPLICATION – 2025

For Parish Community Outreach – Mission and Evangelization Programs

Available for parishes of the Eastern Diocese – Polish National Catholic Church

(\$31,000 of Residual Funds from Holy Cross Parish in Enfield , CT now available)

The Diocesan Grant committee is composed of Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Very Rev. Joseph Krusinski, Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, and Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich Jr.

The purpose of this grant is to grow and promote a parish and to aid in the mission, ministry, and community discipleship outreach of a parish. For consideration the parish **MUST** be paying their national church and diocesan financial obligations (those parishes not paying these will not receive any grant funding).

The grant funds cannot be used for administration, capital improvement, landscaping etc. A Parish must also submit a report of all financial assets (checking, savings, investments etc.). The above committee will review all applications and determine if a parish will receive a grant.

The parish must submit a proposal in writing to the Eastern Diocese Grant committee detailing how they will use these funds to promote their parish and /or what type of mission, community outreach and evangelization program(s) they will be undertaking that need funding. The parish should also include an amount of funding they request for their proposal *(but please know this amount is solely determined by the Eastern Diocese Grant Committee and the financial standing a parish applying will be strongly considered)*

Parish Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Website address _____

Facebook page _____

Date meeting was held to formulate and approve mission, community outreach / evangelization program _____

Signature of Chairman _____

Signature of Pastor _____

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FROM THE CHANCERY OFFICE



Reminder: Our diocesan family is being asked to pray each Wednesday at 12 Noon for the intention of our parishes, our diocese, and our Polish National Catholic Church.

We also pray for healing and peace in our communities, nation, and world.

Prayers for November and December will be announced via internet to all parishes of the Eastern Diocese.

We thank all parishes that participated in the collection of school supplies in July and August to benefit the needy youth in our communities. Your efforts can be seen in this issue of [The Messenger](#).

For the months of October and November, the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Eastern Diocese is encouraging parishes to hold collections of clothing and other items to be given to veteran organizations in our communities who aid those who defended our nation and now need our respectful assistance.

Assignments:

- We pray for the soul of Father Senior Joseph Krusienski, who died this past June.
- Because of this unexpected death, the recently ordained Father Justin Daviault was appointed as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT, and Administrator of St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, CT, effective August 1, 2025.
- Father Thomas Walsh was suspended as a priest of the PNCC, effective July 6, 2025.
- Father Pawel Dudek was appointed Administrator of St. Joseph of Stratford Parish, Stratford, CT, effective August 1, 2025.
- Father Pawel Lukaszewicz was released as pastor of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Chicopee, MA, effective August 1, 2025.
- Father Pawel Lukaszewicz was appointed as pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA, effective August 1, 2025.

Diocesan and National Meetings: (all times are Eastern)

- Tuesday, October 2 - Union of Scranton Theological Commission Zoom Meeting - 10:00 AM
- Saturday, October 11 - A.N.S. - National Board Meeting - National Church Center, Scranton, PA.
- Monday, October 13 - Wednesday, October 15 - National Clergy Conference, Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY
- Monday, October 20 - Wednesday, October 22, National Mission and Evangelism Commission Zoom Meeting.

- Tuesday, October 28, - P.N.C.C. Bishops' Zoom Meeting - 2:00 PM.

No other meetings are scheduled as of October 1, 2025.

Diocesan and National Liturgical Celebrations: (all times are Eastern)

- Thursday, October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels
- Saturday, October 4 - Commemoration - Saint Francis of Assisi (blessing of animals)
sp. Bishop Joseph Tomczyk (1995)
- Sunday, October 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, October 7 - Solemnity of our Holy Mother of the Rosary
- Sunday, October 12 - Solemnity of the Christian Family
- Monday, October 13 - Columbus Day Federal Holiday
- Saturday, October 18 - Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist
- Sunday, October 19 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heritage Sunday observed
sp. Bishop Walter Slowakiewicz (1978)
sp. Eugene Magyar (1968)
- Friday, October 24 - Feast of Saint Raphael, Archangel
- Sunday, October 26 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, October 28 - Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles
- Saturday, November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints
- Sunday, November 2 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
-sp. Bishop Stanley Bilinski (2018)
Daylight Savings Time ends
- Monday, November 3 - Observance of All Souls (translated)
- Tuesday, November 4 - Election Day - U.S.A.
- Sunday, November 9 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, November 11 - Veterans Day Federal Holiday
- Sunday, November 16 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, November 21 - Solemnity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday, November 23 - Solemnity of Christ the King
- Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day Federal Holiday
- Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent (Cycle "A" and Year II readings begin)
- Monday, December 1 - Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
- Wednesday, December 3 - Rorate Mass may be celebrated
- Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday in Advent

- Monday, December 8 - Solemnity of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
sp. Bishop Casimir Grotnik (2005)
- Wednesday, December 10 - Rorate Mass may be celebrated
- Friday, December 12 - Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sunday, December 14 - Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
- Wednesday, December 17 - Rorate Mass may be celebrated
- Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Monday, December 22 - Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle (translated)
- Wednesday, December 24 - Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord
- Thursday, December 25 - Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord
- Friday, December 26 - Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon & Proto-Martyr
- Saturday, December 27 - Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Sunday, December 28 - Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds
sp. Bishop John Gritenas (1928)

Diocesan and National Event Schedule: (all times are Eastern)

- Thursday, October 9 - Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Study of Know Your Faith - Grow in Christ, “The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission” - “Jesus’ Disciples” led by Father Robert Koerber - 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 11 - Thursday, November 13 - Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat, Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center, Madison, CT
- Thursday, November 13 - Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Study of Know Your Faith - Grow in Christ, “The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission” - “Jesus for the First Christians” led by Father Pawel Lukaszewicz - 7:00 PM
- Sunday, November 23 - PNA Council 303 Thanksgiving Raffle Drawing (benefiting youth programs of the Eastern Diocese - Holy Cross Parish, Central Falls, RI - 10:00 AM
- Thursday, December 11 - Eastern Diocese-wide Zoom Study of Know Your Faith - Grow in Christ, “The Person of Jesus Christ, His Identity and Mission” - “Jesus for Us Today” led by Father Krzysztof Rogalski - 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 22 - Northeast Seniorate Candle Lighting Service - Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA - 4:00 PM



"Poetry comes nearer to vital truth than history." - Plato

„Prawdziwą, typową formą współżycia duchowego jest poezja.” - Karol Irzykowski

Jerzy Ficowski

(October 4, 1924, Warsaw - May 9, 2006, Warsaw)

Poeta, pisarz i tłumacz (z hiszpańskiego, niemieckiego, jidysz, rosyjskiego, romskiego, włoskiego, francuskiego i węgierskiego). Podczas okupacji niemieckiej Ficowski był członkiem Armii Krajowej, był więziony w niesławnym Pawiaku i brał udział w Powstaniu Warszawskim. Pod pseudonimem *Wrak* walczył w rejonie Mokotowa. Po Powstaniu Warszawskim Ficowski był więziony w obozie wraz z innymi ocalałymi z powstania.

Po wojnie Ficowski powrócił do Warszawy i wstąpił na uniwersytet w celu studiowania filozofii i socjologii. Tam opublikował swój pierwszy tomik poezji, *Ołowiani Żołnierze* (1948). Tomik ten odzwierciedlał stalinowską atmosferę we wczesno-powojennej Polsce, w której bohaterowie AK z Powstania Warszawskiego byli w najlepszym razie traktowani z podejrzliwością, w najgorszym zaś aresztowani i straceni.

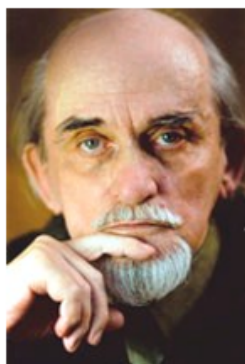
Jego wczesna twórczość wskazuje na wpływ Juliana Tuwima. Potem zainteresował się wierszami z okresu międzywojennego, z elementami fantastyki i groteski. W późniejszym okresie jego poezja odzwierciedlała różne moralne i społeczne aspekty życia w PRL-u.

W latach 1948-1950 Ficowski podróżował z polskimi Cyganami i napisał kilka tomów o nich lub zainspirowanych sposobem życia Romów, w tym *Amulety i defilacje* (1960) i *Cyganie na polskich drogach* (1965). Był członkiem Gypsy Lore Society i przetłumaczył wiersze Bronisławy Wajs (Papuszy). Tłumaczył wiersze hiszpańskiego poety Federico Garcíi Lorca. Był także znany jako specjalista folkloru żydowskiego i współczesnej poezji hebrajskiej, stając się redaktorem naczelnym antologii wierszy żydowskich *Rodzynki z migdałami* (1964).

W 1967 Ficowski opublikował biografię Brunona Schulza *Regiony wielkiej herezji*. W 1977 otrzymał nagrodę Polskiego Pen Clubu. Jego zbiór wierszy *Odczytanie popiołów* z 1979 został nazwany najbardziej poruszającą relacją z Holocaustu napisaną przez nie-Żyda.

W konsekwencji podpisania przez Ficowskiego *Listu 59* w 1975, jego twórczość stała się w Polsce zakazana i dopiero pojawienie się Solidarności przyniosło jej powrót na polskie półki. Aktywnie udzielał się w opozycji będąc członkiem Komitetu Obrony Robotników (KOR), a następnie Komitetu Samoobrony Społecznej KOR.

Po upadku komunizmu, liberalizacji Polski i jej zerwaniu z blokiem sowieckim, Ficowski nadal tworzył i tłumaczył twórczość z wielu języków obcych.



Polish poet, writer and translator (from Spanish, German, Yiddish, Russian, Romani, Italian, French and Hungarian). During the German occupation Ficowski was a member of the Home Army (pol. AK), was imprisoned in the infamous Pawiak and took part in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. His codename was *Wrak* and he fought in Mokotów region. Following the Warsaw Uprising, Ficowski entered a camp with other survivors of the battle.

After the war, Ficowski returned to Warsaw and enrolled at the university in order to study philosophy and sociology. There he published his first volume of poetry, *The Tin Soldiers* (1948). This volume reflected the Stalinist atmosphere of the early postwar Poland, in which

heroes of the Home Army from the Warsaw Uprising were treated with suspicion at best, arrested and executed at worst.

His early works show the influence of Julian Tuwim. Later he became interested in the poems of the interwar period, with elements of fantasy and grotesque. In the later period his poems reflected various moral and social aspects of life in the People's Republic of Poland.

From 1948 to 1950 Ficowski traveled with Polish Gypsies and came to write several volumes on or inspired by the Roma way of life, including *Amulets and Defiles* (1960) and *Gypsies on the Polish Roads* (1965). He was the member of the Gypsy Lore Society and translated the poems of Bronisława Wajs (Papusza). He translated the poems of the Spanish poet, Federico Garcíi Lorca. Also he was a known specialist of Jewish folklore and Modern Hebrew poetry, becoming an editor of the Jewish poem anthology *Raisins with Almonds* (1964).

In 1967 Ficowski published biography of Bruno Schulz, entitled *Regions of the Great Heresy*. He received the award of the Polish Pen Club in 1977. His 1979 collection of poems, *A Reading of Ashes*, has been called the most moving account of the Holocaust written by a non-Jew.

As a consequence of his signing, in 1975, of the *Letter of 59*, Ficowski's writings had become banned in Poland, and only the emergence of Solidarity has brought his works back to bookshelves. He was active in the opposition as a member of the Workers' Defense Committee and subsequently of the Committee for Social Self-defense KOR.

Following the fall of communism, liberalization of Poland and its breaking with the Soviet bloc, Ficowski continued to write and translate works from many foreign languages.

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pamięci Janusza Korczaka

Co robił Stary Doktor
w bydlęcym wagonie
jadącym do Treblinki dnia 5 sierpnia
przez kilka godzin krwiobieg
przez brudną rzekę czasu
nie wiem

co robił Charon dobrowolny
przewoźnik bez wiosła
czy rozdał dzieciom resztę
zdyszanego tchu
i zostawił dla siebie
tylko mróz po grzbiecie

August 5, 1942

In memory of Janusz Korczak

What did the Old Doctor do
in a cattle car
riding to Treblinka on the 5th of August
over a few hours of blood flow
over the dirty river of time
I do not know

What did Charon the volunteer do
ferryman without an oar
did he give the children the remains
of his breath
and leave for himself
just the shiver in the bones

nie wiem

czy kłamał im na przykład
małymi dawkami
znieczulającymi
iskał spocone główki
z płochliwych wszy strachu

nie wiem

ale za to ale potem ale tam
w Treblince
całe ich przerażenie cały płacz
były przeciwko niemu

ach to było już tylko
ileś tam minut czyli życie całe
czy to mało czy dużo
nie było mnie tam nie wiem
zobaczył Stary Doktor nagle
że dzieci się stały
stare jak on
coraz starsze
tak musiały dogonić siwiznę popiołu

więc kiedy go uderzył
askar czy esesman
zobaczyły że Doktor
stał się dzieckiem jak one
coraz mniejszym i mniejszym
aż się nie urodził

odtąd razem ze Starym Doktorem
pełno ich nigdzie
wiem



I do not know

Did he lie to them for instance
in small numbing
doses
picking from their sweaty heads
the skittish lice of fear

I do not know

but for that but later but there
in Treblinka
all their terror all the tears
were against him

oh it was only
so many minutes a whole life
is that a lot or a little
I was not there I don't know
suddenly the Old Doctor saw
the children become
old like him
older and older
they had to catch up to the grayness of ash

then when he was hit
by an Askar or SS man
they saw how the Doctor
became a child like them
smaller and smaller
until he was not born

since then together with the Old Doctor
there are plenty of them nowhere

I know

Za drzwiami świat

Wchodzą, wychodzą,
kiwa się klamka,
śpiewają drzwi, wieje.
Dorośli przybywają ze świata
o drzwiach z klamką srebrną,
przychodzą cienie, wujkowie, babcie,
przynoszą swoje zapachy,
swoje cudze głosy,
objuczeni zdziwieniem nie swoim,
z kieszeniami pełnymi ciekawości.
Potem odchodzą
za drzwi ze srebrną klamką
i zamyka się ich tam na klucz.
I kiedy zapuka,
to znaczy, że znowu wyjdą ze swojej szafy
tuż za drzwiami, gdzie się kończy dom,
gdzie wujkowie i goście
sterczą, milczą, czekają,
żeby ich wpuścić,
nieruchomi i wszyscy.
Każdy na swoim wieszaku.



The World Behind The Door

They come, they go,
the handle nods,
the door sings, wind rushes through.
Adults arrive from the world
whose door has a silver handle,
aunts, uncles, grandmothers come in
bringing their smells,
their other-people voices,
loaded with amazement not their own,
with pockets full of curiosity.
Then they go
behind the door with a silver handle
and get locked away with a key.
And when there's a knock,
that means they come back out of their closet
just behind the door, where the house ends,
where guests and uncles
loiter, say nothing, wait
to be let in,
very still and all of them.
Each on his own hanger.

Translations by Jennifer Grotz and Piotr Sommer

By Fr. Adam Czarnecki

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Our diocesan family is being asked to pray the “prayer selected for the month” and the “Our Father” prayer found in the PNCC Prayer Book each Wednesday at 12 Noon.



These monthly prayers are sent to Eastern Diocesan parishes by the Mission and Evangelism Commission. The commission also publishes a monthly Prayer calendar. May these prayer tools build up the prayer life of our faithful.

Prayers for November and December will be announced via internet to all parishes of the Eastern Diocese.

In October we pray:

Lord, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in Spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will we may gain eternal salvation. May we be instruments of Your divine plan that righteousness may triumph over evil. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen. (PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers)

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.

During the months of October, November, and December the Mission and Evangelism Commission is asking all parishes of the Eastern Diocese to take up collections of WARM CLOTHING that can be distributed to the needy in the local communities. Please remember to take pictures and to submit short articles of your efforts for the next edition of The Messenger.

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