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The Beginning and The End

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To Him Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and on His account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:5b-8)

During the last few weeks of the liturgical year, the Church turns its attention to what it calls Eschatology, the discussion of the last things. This portion of theology is concerned with death, judgment and the final destiny of each person.

The readings from the final few Sundays of the liturgical year are taken from the final chapters of the Gospel of St. Luke. This comes following the arrival of our Lord within the city of Jerusalem. During the many weeks from the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time to the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time we were walking along with our Lord as He traveled from Galilee to Jerusalem. And we weren't only following Jesus in this historical journey that He took with His disciples 2000 years ago, but we are also contemplating a present journey that we are all called to take with our Lord in the present. We have been seeking in these many weeks to find our own ways of discipleship, our present journey of life together with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In these weeks we have learned lessons on the importance of prayer as we heard Jesus give the “Our Father” to His followers. We also heard about the importance of being persistent in these lives of

prayer, since God the Father desires to give good things to those who continue to call upon Him.

We also learned to balance this life of prayer with a life of accomplishing good and serving those around us. With these many lessons showing us, the ways of loving kindness we have also celebrated within the P.N.C.C. the Solemnities of Brotherly Love and the Christian Family. These special days remind us to care for those we encounter like the Good Samaritan on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, and also to seek to incorporate others into the Family of Faith that is the Church.

And we must remind ourselves that each of these weekly lessons are not to be considered separately or in isolation, but rather we must strive to incorporate each of them into a consistent life of discipleship, a life of growing ever closer to Jesus and our brothers and sisters.

It is at this time of year though that we also turn our attention to the goal of this journeying together with Christ. We seek to be united fully with Him and to Him. It is something that begins in our ways of discipleship, but we seek to conclude it as well in the kingdom of Heaven.

In Luke's Gospel, where we find ourselves in these last weeks of the liturgical year, Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and we know that these are the final days before His Passion, His Death and His Resurrection. These final days of His teachings are therefore certainly important for the disciples then and us now as well.

In the first of these Sundays, Jesus is questioned by the Sadducees, those who believed there was no

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resurrection. The question concerned what is known as “levirate marriage,” the practice within ancient Judaism that if a man died with a wife but no children, his brother would marry the widow to care for her and ensure the deceased’s lineage. The Sadducees pose a question to Jesus, “Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally, the women also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the women be?” (Luke 21:29-32)

Jesus reminds the Sadducees then and us today that, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.” (Luke 20:34-36)

Jesus tells us here that in the resurrection we will each have an ever closer relationship to Almighty God and in fact we will be children of God and like angels.

In the following week our Lord reminds us that the challenges we face in our journey of faith will be rewarded in that close relationship as well. Again, Jesus says, “There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you... This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.” (Luke 21:11-15) And lastly Jesus tells us, “By your endurance you will gain your souls.” (Luke 21:19) Whether we take these signs to be actual events to come, or metaphors for difficult times really doesn’t matter. What is at stake is the opportunity given to us to testify and witness to Jesus in the present.

Through this opportunity to witness, our Lord reminds us that we are seeking something greater than anything that can be found on this earth. We are seeking to be united fully with Him in the glory of the reign of God.

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday we know as the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will finally read the gospel from the Crucifixion of our Lord. Although there is a connection to the inscription on the Cross which reads, “This is the King of Jews,” at first consideration we might not see this as a kingly experience. But of course, if we only look a bit deeper, we will see the truth that it is.

“And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at Him, saying, ‘He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah of God, His chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine, and saying, ‘If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!’ There was also an inscription over Him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ (Luke 23:35-38)

It seems here as if the whole world is against our Lord, but then there is the interaction of the criminals on the cross with Jesus. This interaction sums up the entirety of what is at stake. “One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Him and saying, ‘Are You not the Messiah? Save Yourself and us! But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this Man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’” (Luke 23:39-43)

We see in this reading that, strive as we might throughout our entire lives to grow closer to Jesus in good works and discipleship, all done because of our love for Jesus, in the end we must allow all of it to lead us to say, “Jesus remember me.” We must cast all that we are, all that we have, all that we do, upon the Lord, Who went to the Cross for love of us.

This reading then truly is a kingly one, because although Jesus is on the Cross suffering, He suffers to allow each of us to receive the forgiveness of our sins and then forgiven, to be united fully to Him. And united with Him, we will live forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.



P.N.C.C. Future Direction

October 2025

Nicea at 1700

Introduction

In this year of 2025, we spend some time considering the treasures that were left to the Church at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 AD. This year we honor 1700 years since the time of this important Ecumenical Council of the Church. We will examine, not only the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, but also other aspects of this Council that are important to us in the Polish National Catholic Church today. We will see within this tradition the conciliar aspects of the governance of the church and also the canonical aspects concerning how the church operates in the present day.

This month we will offer the statement on Ecumenical Councils from “The Road to Unity” which are the agreed statements of dialogue with the Orthodox Churches. We remind ourselves as well that everything that the Polish National Catholic Church does happens in a synodal way: from meetings of the Bishops and clergy to the administration of our parishes, each diocese and the entire Polish National Catholic Church.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12 – For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Acts 15:28-29 – [From the Council of Jerusalem] For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Hebrews 10:23-25 – Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 18:20 – Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them.

Road to Unity – Synods of the Church

As the Body of Christ, the Church is the Temple of the Holy Spirit in which all members are baptized into the one Body and so abide in the communion of the new life and together know the truth in the Holy Spirit.

The episcopal and synodical constitution of the ancient Church is an expression of the life of the Church as the fellowship of all its members living in the unity of the Body of Christ. Accordingly the bishops, as representatives of the Head of the Church – which is Christ – and presiding over the eucharistic and synodical assembly, are joined with the whole people of God as members of the one Body (cf. Ignatius of Antioch, Smyrn. 8.2 – PG 5.713).

In the diversity of new life that finds fulfillment in Christ through the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:1-31), the synodical character shows itself to be basic for Church order. That is why the Church as a people called by God, redeemed by Christ and enlightened by the Holy Spirit can be referred to as the great synod in which the trinitarian unity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is reflected.

This fundamental character of the Church is especially evident in the representative gatherings of the bishops of local Churches, as they meet in synod to discuss and to decide questions of faith and order, which decisions are ultimately subject to adoption or refusal by the whole Church.

The highest expression of the synodical life of the church is found in the Ecumenical Council. It is convened in order that the bishops, as representatives of the community of all local Churches, may make decisions on questions of faith and order which concern the whole Church and which will be binding on it. The ecumenical councils serve as the highest organ of the Church when they deal with warding off false doctrines, forming dogma, forming and consolidating the Church constitution and maintaining ecclesial unity based on the true faith.

We recognize these seven as such Ecumenical Councils: Nicaea 325, Constantinople 381, Ephesus 431, Chalcedon 451, Constantinople 553 and 680 as well as Nicaea 787. In them the faith of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church found its expression, and the unity of all the local Churches in the one Holy Body of Christ was in evidence. That is why the ecumenical councils do not stand above the Church as a whole but in it. That is why the ecumenical character of a council and the validity of its decisions are not already given by its convocation. Rather it demonstrates its ecumenical character in the subsequent free reception by the Church as a whole (*plērōma*).

Through their participation in the whole life of the Church, the members – ordained and laity – realize their unity in the Body of Christ. In this unity and totality the infallibility of the Church finds its expression. Accordingly the ecumenical councils can also acknowledge the decisions of local synods as being made under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. On the other hand local synods have also prepared the substance of the decisions of ecumenical councils and supported the adoption of the decisions reached.

The decisions of council are decisions of faith (*horoi*) or canons (concerning law and order). Of these, the decisions of faith have direct authority and are of binding character for the entire Church, for they concern dogma based on revelation. They therefore, in substance, cannot be changed or revoked. The Church can, however, interpret them according to the needs of particular situations for a better understanding of, and witnessing to, the faith. The canons of ecumenical as well as local synods can, on principle, be replaced or supplemented by new canons of corresponding later synods as long as they do not affect questions of faith.

Generally the Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches are also of the opinion that their synods have the right, when necessary, to establish new canons and to apply them in their own Churches.

Action Item

As an action item, spend some time in reflection on this document and how, because of the working of God through His Holy Church, the faith has come down to each of us and continues to be lived among us. Also realize that each and every person in the Church, bishops, clergy and laity, have a role to play within the synodical structure of God's Holy Church.

We continue to implement the five themes the Synod determined for our Future Direction Committee:

- Growth and Membership
- Increase Spirituality
- Lifelong Learning
- Sacred Vocations
- Community Involvement and Presence



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September Commission Meetings at the National Church Center

Scranton, PA

The National Commission on Liturgy of the P.N.C.C. held their autumn meeting at the National Church Center of the P.N.C.C. in Scranton, PA on September 3 - 4, 2025.



Members attending the meeting are pictured, below. Rev. Jason Soltysiak, Rev. Henryk Wos, Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich, Jr., Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, Jr., (Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki absent from photo)

Attending via Zoom: Rev. Carmen Bolock, Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski

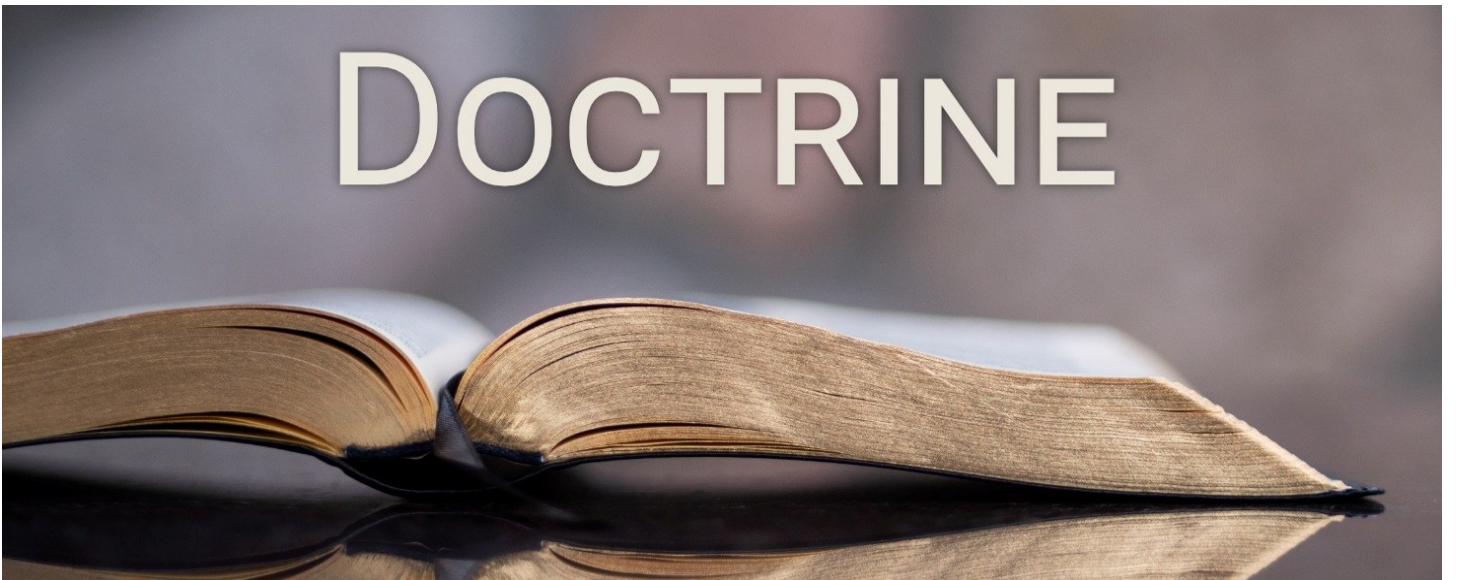


Members of the Church Doctrine Commission of the P.N.C.C. met at the National Church Center of the P.N.C.C. in Scranton, PA, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, 2025.



**Members present: Via Zoom: Rev. Henryk Wos and Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski
In Person: Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, Jr., Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky and Rt. Rev. John E. Mack**

DOCTRINE



Seminarians Return to Savonarola Theological Seminary for 2025-2026

Scranton, PA

On Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Savonarola Theological Seminary commenced the 2025-2026 academic year. The seminarians started this new year with morning prayers at the seminary followed by Holy Mass at the National Church Center. A welcome-back breakfast was enjoyed following Mass.



Cleric Joel Smith, Cleric Todd Goodwin, Vocations Director Rev. James Konicki, Cleric David Dudzinski, Cleric Jon Johnson



GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

For the Increase of Priests

(A Book of Devotions and Prayers, Polish National Catholic Church)

Almighty and Eternal God, in Your plan for our salvation You provide priests as shepherds for Your people. Inspire men to answer Your call to become priests, because “the harvest is great but the laborers are few.” Grant Your Church an increase of priests and keep them faithful in their love and service to You and the people entrusted to their care. Through their faith and ministry may Your light shine in the world and Your kingdom be built among us.

Through Jesus Christ, our High Priest.
Amen.



A Very Busy Summer

Rev. Jim Konicki, National Vocations Director

We offer you the Savonarola Theological Seminary Newsletter for October 2025 focused on our summertime activities.

For myself this summer offered many opportunities for fellowship, ministry, and construction management.

My summer season began with the annual Men's Spiritual Retreat. A wonderful event of worship, devotion, and fellowship. Many of our seminarians and potential seminarians were in attendance. That event was focused on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the Holy Creed, our Symbol of Faith. Next on the list was the annual Kurs Youth Encampment. We had a great turnout and worked off Phil Jackson's inspirational quote: *"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."* We taught a specific set of lesson plans centered on traits like teamwork, respectful disagreement, friendship, humility, integrity, perseverance, perspective, and gratitude.

Returning home for one week, I prepared for the annual Civil Air Patrol New York Wing Type A Encampment. I served as one of the chaplains at this eight-day event. Believe me, it kept me on my toes. We experienced lots of cool things including an A-10 flyover and display, an F-16 flyover, C-130 rides, Reaper Drones, and a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. What really impressed me and helped me to grow was my work alongside my fellow Chaplains. We had two of Protestant tradition, one Jewish, and an Islamic Chaplain from Fort Drum. Our shared focus was the well-being of those we ministered to.

After another one week break my wife and I finally had a chance to get away for a week. We went to the Gloucester, Massachusetts area and enjoyed our oceanside accommodations, great seafood, and never neglecting our faith I was able to pinch hit for Bishop Paul at Holy Trinity Cathedral while he and Karen attended the National United Choirs event.

Returning from vacation, I attended the Central Diocese Clergy Retreat. Throughout all this I kept my tabs on the work being done at the Savonarola Theological Seminary. As of the end of summer, all construction and updating has been completed save for some waterproofing in the basement. That is coming up before winter sets in, the freeze/thaw cycle takes hold, and the Spring runoff begins. Keeping the basement dry will protect our investments to date.

In the first two weeks of September, I spent time in Scranton doing work at the National Church Center and preparing for the new semester. Things are so positive, and we are looking forward to a formal rededication of the Seminary. Stay tuned for new merch with our updated Seminary logo.

Please continue to pray for vocations, those who are being so generous in supporting the Seminary and for our Seminarians.

We have established a prayer line for the seminary. Send your prayer requests by E-mail to prayer@savonarola.net.



We also established a Seminary website at <https://www.savonarola.net>, and a Seminary Instagram channel at <https://www.instagram.com/savonarola1914/>. Check them out.

If you can, please provide support to the Seminary Fund. Faithful P.N.C.C. members' support is vital to keeping the lights on and the seminarians' educational needs met. Donations can be sent to The Savonarola Theological Seminary Fund, c/o The Office of the Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109. God bless your generosity!

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Sanctifying the Summertime

Cleric Jon Johnson – September 2025

So here we find ourselves back in the season of Fall, and here I am, back at the Seminary with my brothers for our second year. It seems like fall is moving quickly in my part of Pennsylvania this year, with the garden pretty well finished growing, flowers are fading, and the leaves are changing. Just over the Broad Mountain from me, it seems to be about a week ahead. This second year in Seminary also seems to be moving as quickly as fall and is looking to be a good challenge as we prepare this year to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Summer was a flash as well. In June, I was able to encourage our Seniorate to go back to the tradition of holding a Corpus Christi celebration on the Solemnity. Our parish, SS Peter and Paul's in McAdoo, PA, offered to host. We were honored with the presence of Bishop Nowicki as Celebrant, along with the pastors and people from the congregations of Plymouth, Frackville and Hazleton, and we had a great turnout to honor Our Lord. I helped our pastor with the planning, played the organ for the service, and also helped prepare a delicious meal of Swedish Meatballs, ham and all the fixings. Everyone went away well fed, both spiritually and physically.

We also had our summer rummage and food sale in McAdoo. It is quite the event for our little parish. Our food sale made almost three times what the rummage sale did. We've become quite famous for our homemade foods- baked goods, potato cakes, haluski, coney dogs, "hosey" burgers, (which are stewed hamburgers, and long story short, originated in the coal region firehalls), salads and soups. I'm the soup chef and I make gallons and gallons of homemade soups. The Polish Mushroom Vegetable and the Chicken with homemade noodles are our best sellers. This was our best sale ever financially, and everyone worked very hard. Some may laugh at having sales like these, but they help our small parish financially and are also very good opportunities to evangelize. We get folks from all over to come into the church and we get to talk to them. They get to know us. We send them home with flyers with our Mass times and if they are interested, we give them literature about the church and what we believe. And, yes, it does indeed work! We've made members through our love and our food.

Although my fulltime job and many duties at my home parish keep me very busy, I did manage to get away for a week back home to Minnesota to spend time with my mother and all the family back there. I had left on a Sunday, right after church, so my family got to see me in a clerical shirt for the first time, and we had many good discussions about my studies. I also was able to escape back to North Dakota, where I lived for many years prior to here, and visit with my friends and former neighbors there. My former neighbor, who is an excellent baker and cook, put on a magnificent spread and was a wonderful host.

I also got to see friends from my former Roman Catholic parish, St. Margaret Mary's in Buchanan, and to tour the church there that I had been active in for many years. They had just celebrated their 100th Anniversary and it was great to see the many improvements to the building and to hear the encouraging stories of how the parish was both physically and spiritually growing. I also got to see firsthand how a devastating tornado had done damage to many trees, farm grain bins, powerlines and took down all the trees in the parish cemetery nearby. You probably saw pictures or video of this tornado that occurred about 20 miles east of where I used to live, near the town of Spiritwood, ND.

This visit back home also gave me the opportunity to bless things for my friends during my visit, using the office of Blesser I obtained in my Minor Orders. In return, I too, was blessed by the presence and support of my family and friends during my stay.

I'm looking forward to the rest of this year at the Seminary, and it's looking like more of a challenge and perhaps even fuller than last year. We appreciate your prayers for our class as we continue our studies, and we also ask you to continue to pray for more vocations to serve God's Holy Church.

Fall is here; the harvest is soon. We need to get to work.

My Summer: Lessons, Conversations, and a Renewed Fervor for the Faith

Cleric Joel Smith

As the summer sun began to set, casting golden hues over the waters of my local marina, I found myself reflecting on the whirlwind of experiences that had shaped my summer. Working at the marina was a challenge,

but it proved to be a memorable and rewarding chapter of my journey thus far. From the moment I put on my work shirt once again, I knew I was in for a ride filled with both laughter and a few less-than-pleasant tasks—like the infamous fish bucket incident. Picture this: a bucket that had been basking in the sun during a heat wave, its contents contain a pungent reminder of yesterday’s catch.

Emptying that bucket was a test of my resolve, a moment that could only be described as a rite of passage. Yet, through the challenges, I learned valuable skills—how to tie many different knots, how to rescue a mini yacht which had broken off the dock during a severe storm while lightning crashed overhead, and even navigate the occasional grumpy customer. Each day was a lesson, not just in hard work, but in resilience.

I made no effort to conceal my identity as a P.N.C.C. seminarian. This openness sparked a myriad of conversations with people from all walks of life. I found myself engaged in discussions about faith, spirituality, and the path I was called to and answered. It was refreshing to share my journey with others, both Catholic and non-Catholic, and to explore the diverse tapestry of beliefs that surrounded me. One of the most fulfilling aspects of my summer was being able to assist those who were wrestling with questions of faith. I had the privilege of guiding a young man who had distanced himself from the church back toward it. Those moments of connection reminded me of the profound impact we can have on one another’s lives, often in ways we don’t fully realize.

However, my summer wasn’t without its sacrifices. Due to my low seniority, I found myself working on Sundays, which meant missing out on Holy Mass and the Sacraments that I had come to cherish. The absence of that weekly spiritual nourishment weighed heavily on my heart. It was during this time that I truly came to understand the importance of the Eucharist and the grace it brings. I felt the world pressing down on me, a reminder of how vital it is to stay connected to our faith.

Thankfully, Father Ploskonka made a special trip to visit me in Canada. His presence was a balm for my soul, and when I received our Lord in the Eucharist, it felt as if the clouds had parted. A weight lifted off my shoulders, and the world around me became brighter. That moment reinforced my commitment to my faith and the importance of community.

Now, as I return to Scranton and the seminary, I am filled with excitement. I look forward to attending daily Mass, realigning my life with our Lord and His Church. This upcoming year holds the promise of growth, service, and further deepening my relationship with God. I am eager to embrace the journey ahead, serving Him and the community with renewed vigor and a heart full of gratitude for the lessons learned over a summer at the marina.

Summer Reflection

Cleric David Dudzinski

This summer was a time of tremendous rest, reflection and spiritual development for me. Rest was key, and when I told people that, I got many eye rolls, but the program of study and formation at Savonarola Seminary is quite intense—think 14-hour days for 4 months intense!

I mixed this rest with spending time with my wife and dogs and exploring my role as a Cleric in the P.N.C.C. This exploration included blessing my niece’s nursery, attending Mass at the local Roman Parish during the week (they were ok with me being P.N.C.C.), praying the Daily Office of the Hours, returning to Scranton for my monthly shift as a Hospital Chaplain at Geisinger Hospital, attending the YMS of R Men’s Retreat, and finally, participating in Outreach with the local Roman Diocese (again, I made it very clear I was a seminarian in the P.N.C.C. - God bless Franciscans!)

I also developed a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer. All of this combined helped me focus and want to return to Seminary ready to learn and grow and nurture Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

What I did Over My Summer Vacation

Cleric Todd Godwin

Summer 2025 was my first summer in Scranton and my first summer as a seminarian. It was also a period of significant spiritual growth for me, and in the following ways.

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Over the summer I began working a part-time job at a locally-owned supermarket in the produce section. In many ways this job has little connection with any education or training I have had over the years, and at first, I found it humbling. "I am doing a job I could have done at 16; and I am working alongside 16-year-olds making the same pay as them!!" I said to myself on occasion, and at the beginning. However, I also sensed early on that it was a "God thing." Working with fruit and vegetables connected to my work as a gardener in Japan. I like fruit and vegetables, and I like talking to people about them. I like the idea of trying to eat healthy, and like talking to and dealing with customers trying to do the same. The job is also quite physical. It is like getting paid to exercise. It gave me structure, got me out of the house, working with people, real people, normal people, and people who showed up and did a job. All good things.

I also started a garden behind the seminary. I am not much of a gardener, but I enjoy it. I enjoy learning. I enjoy getting my hands dirty. I enjoy the chance to grow my own food and improve my health. I am hoping to turn the garden into a community garden and allow others to use the space behind the seminary. The space is roughly 50 feet by 80 feet—the size of your average lot for a house in Scranton.

I have done some urban gardening and community gardening before. There is something wonderful about sharing knowledge of growing with other people. One inevitably gets into conversations about spirituality and how to build and find community. As we have lost our agricultural basis of living, we have lost so much along with it. Central to our faith is the gathering table, and the hospitality of God that is shared and participated in around God's table. As we seek to bring back the old ways, and reconnect with what we have lost, we find and create a kind of sanity that is deeper and more healing than we can often even articulate. It is, on the one hand, just "good, clean, fun" even though it is dirty. But it is also metaphysically and spiritually cleaning and cleansing. We knit ourselves back together through gardening. We relocate ourselves in paradise, and in turn participate in Christ's restoration of Adam, setting aright Adam's original misguided impulse to look away from God, and do it with other creatures in a restored creation.

Relatedly, I am trying to connect with the Hispanics in our neighborhood and who make up much of Southside Scranton. The seminarians started doing a weekly rosary walk through the neighborhood. We go into the street, carry an icon of the Blessed Virgin, carry a processional cross, carry a statue of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and carry a censor. We have gotten some lay people to participate and carry things. The leader, saying the rosary and leading us through the parts, is in the back. We follow a path through the neighborhood that runs us by people standing on the street. They sometimes come up to us and ask us to pray for them, and begin telling us about their lives. We hand out rosaries too. It is quite a moving experience.

I can mention, I should mention, the Food Truck Fridays event at St. Stanislaus Cathedral as well. Although it is not solely for Hispanics, we have invited food trucks from the area to come and sell food on Friday nights in the grassy area in front of the Cathedral. Some of the food truck owners are Hispanics. This feels like and appears to be a healthy thing to be doing for myself, and a few people in the church who have not only gotten involved but made it possible in the first place. I just happen to like food trucks and like to see people making money, taking control of their lives, and spreading and sharing good food as they do it. Hispanics tend to have some faith connection, and the ones who have come definitely have this. I see a very evangelical and outward looking spirit among the church members who are involved in this. As a result, I see much life and growth in the Church and in myself as well.



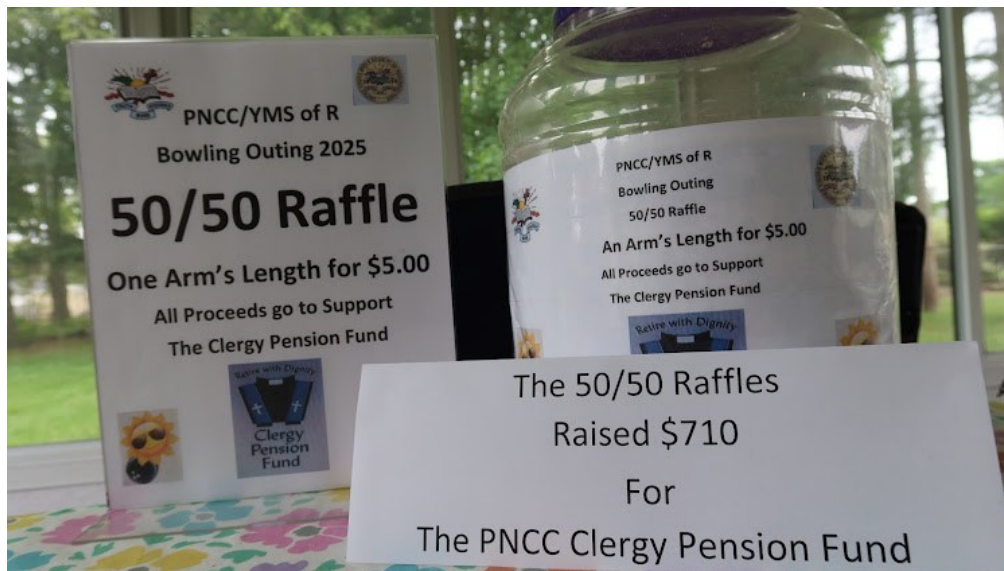
Y.M.S. of R. Clergy Pension Fundraiser

Hamtramck, MI

As part of the fun at the recent Y.M.S. of R. Bowling Outing in Hamtramck, MI, this past May, a bowling cornhole tournament was held in the hotel hospitality room. Each participant paid \$5 for 4 practice throws and then 4 rounds of 4 throws in competition. A lively and competitive time occurred!

Dave Pecynski, of Cheektowaga, NY, narrowly beat out Fr. Sr. Charles Zawistowski of South Bend, IN, to toss in 9 bags of the 16 thrown. The bag had to go completely in the hole, either on the original toss or by a subsequent bag pushing it in. The winner received a \$25 gift card and all entry monies were donated to the Clergy Pension Fund.

During the two days of bowling, a 50-50 raffle was held, run by Kathy Chockley. Participants and guests purchased arm's lengths of raffle tickets in the hopes of being one of the two lucky winners. The raffle raised \$ 710, also for the Clergy Pension Fund!



Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI, was very happy to sponsor this Bowling Outing and to raise funds for this very worthy program to support our Clergy. A total of \$1000 was donated to the Clergy Pension Fund as a result of these happenings!

We challenge other parishes and events throughout the Church to think of ways to raise awareness for the needed funding of the Clergy Pension Fund and to find ways to support it financially.



Beautiful Eucharist

Cathy Andersen, All Saints Cathedral Parish, Chicago, IL

The Future Direction Committee at All Saints Cathedral Parish in Chicago, Illinois had a book give-a-way in December 2024 of the book entitled *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly. The book was handed out to those attending church on the first Sunday of the Advent, and then during the Christmas season and the next few months after that. We gave a total of 100 books out to parishioners, friends and visitors. I was then asked to lead a discussion on the book which is taking place during the month of October 2025. Below are some of my notes for the discussion, which are really highlights of the book and meaningful thoughts that touched me while reading it.

While the book is authored by Matthew Kelly, each chapter is written by a different author and that is how I organized my discussion. The book is a very easy read and contains some important reminders about one's relationship with Jesus and our reception of the Eucharist during Holy Mass. At the end of each chapter there are various quotes, points to ponder, verses to live and prayers to be prayed. I have included samples of those below as well.

Introduction: Astonishing (Matthew Kelly)

"Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching Heaven, and that should change the way we live here on earth!"

The Eucharist is the core of our faith. The summit, if you will.

Jesus is truly and fully present in the Eucharist – body, blood, soul and divinity. We are receiving Jesus Himself in the Eucharist and all of His characteristics. In faith, we take Jesus at His word when He says, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) During Mass, a priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and asks the Holy Spirit to transform them into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

The moment when we receive the Eucharist is a pivotal moment in our day or in our week. It is through faith that we receive grace, and it is through grace that we are transformed. Receiving the Eucharist is a moment of transformation, a moment when we get to receive who and what we wish to become.

Just as we feed our bodies with food for nourishment, there is no better way to feed our soul than with the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the ultimate superfood for the soul, loaded with grace to keep one spiritually healthy, give you the wisdom and strength to choose the right path, and fight off the diseases of selfishness and other vices and bad habits. In receiving the Eucharist, we become one with God. It is a beautiful thing!

Chapter 1: Mass Was Boring Until This Happened (Jackie Francois Angel)

In Communion, we all become "one spirit, one person, with Christ." Out of all the forms of intimacy that we have with God – reading His Word in Scripture, praying in silence, singing in praise, gazing at His face in Eucharistic Adoration - this becoming one with God is the greatest.

Verse to Live: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Chapter 2: Why Do You Do That? (Father Mike Schmitz)

This chapter starts with a story of Communist China wherein religion, especially Christianity, was suppressed. The college roommate of the writer ate crumbs of the Eucharist off the church floor after he and his classmates went to Mass, and then he tells the story of a little girl in China who risked her life after a tabernacle was thrown on the ground by soldiers and broke on impact. Night after night, she picked up the Eucharist from the ground with her tongue but eventually was killed on the night of her consuming the last Eucharist. The college roommate says one crumb of the body of Jesus is enough to save the world. So why do I eat the crumbs of Jesus off the ground? Because I cannot do otherwise. Because He gives His whole self to me. I cannot but give my whole self to Him.

Point to Ponder: When was the last time you did something wholeheartedly? Jesus gives his whole self to us in the Eucharist. How would your life change if you gave your whole self to Him?

Chapter 3: Do You Know Where You're Going? (Lisa M. Hendey)

The writer learned from Poor Clare Missionary Sisters, who were strict and exacting, about spiritual discipline and intentional generosity. She learned from the Sisters of St. Francis that God loved her unconditionally and that the Church needed her gifts and participation. Her priest at St. Barbara's taught that Scripture is meant to be read, shared and lived; Mass is a vibrant act of worship; and the Eucharist is the True Presence of Jesus Christ. She learned that loving the Eucharist meant loving and caring for one another and anyone we meet who is in need. She also learned that loving God and being loved by God is not a magic bullet that helps us avoid suffering or hardship in our lives. That receiving the Eucharist is not a potion for power or a portal to the perfect life. It is, rather, a balm, a warm hug, an indescribable gift that compels us to, in turn, give to those around us. In receiving Jesus, especially in our brokenness and need, we are called to a generative love (a form of love that creates, expands and sustains). We are God's beloved in a world that is greatly in need of the very gifts that Jesus Christ came to give. Through, with and in Him, hope overflows.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see the ways You have moved in my life in the past, so that I may have faith that You are moving in my life today, and hope that You will continue to move in my life in the future. Amen.

Chapter 4: What I Learned from a Muslim about the Eucharist (Peter Kreeft)

The crisis of faith in the Church is a crisis of faith in Christ's real presence. The central problem of the Church today is that most people simply do not know Jesus Christ. Not only are they unaware of the right doctrine about Him and the teachings of the Church, but they do not know Jesus Himself, His real presence.

Where is He present now? In His Church – in the sacraments and primarily in the Eucharist. He is also present in the Church's members – in the souls and lives of those who believe in Him. If we rediscover His presence and adore Him, we will hear the sounds of the Gospels – the sound of a blazing fire, the rattle of dry bones coming to life, the shouts of joy that ring through Scripture. We must sit in silence in Eucharist Adoration – during which God will form (and transform) our minds and hearts if we give them to Him. We will touch a power infinitely greater than nuclear power, the Sun, or the Big Bang. We will tap into the power of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Point to Ponder: Every problem you face can be solved by Jesus' presence. Invite Him to participate in the events of your life.

Chapter 5: Come Away to a Quiet Place (Jenna Greiwe)

Sitting before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration in silence and stillness is one way we can live out Jesus' call to "Come away to a quiet place" (Mark 6:30-32). He is before us. He wants to listen to you and to talk to you. What does He want to tell you? What do you want to say to Him? The more time you sit before the Lord, the more personal His presence will become to you. The author says, "the fruits that flooded my life were obvious: stillness, calm, prayer and joy. In the midst of chaos and problems and anxiety, there was Jesus. Each time I went to Adoration, the very next time I received the Eucharist, it was a radically more meaningful experience."

The world has changed. It's even noisier and more chaotic than in the past. All the more reason to sit before the Blessed Sacrament, to obtain clarity and peace.

Point to Ponder: We live in a busy and noisy world, but don't blindly accept that your life has no choice but to be busy and noisy. Seek the rest that silence naturally brings to your heart, mind, body and soul.

Chapter 6: Right Here, Right Now, No Other Place I'd Rather Be (Bishop Andrew Cozzens)

When someone experiences that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, it helps them to understand what it means to be a disciple. So what is a disciple? A learner – someone who has come to understand what we see in the Gospels which is that Jesus is Lord. If Jesus is Lord, then He is the center of my life; the first person in my life; and my life is directed toward Him. We must provide experiences wherein people can come to encounter Him – through Adoration, devotions, music, candle-lit processions, etc.

Point to Ponder: Jesus wants to do something in your heart right now. Will you let Him? Bring whatever uncertainty you are currently facing to Jesus in the Eucharist and ask: Jesus, what do you think I should do?

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Chapter 7: Your Most Urgent Need (Fulton Sheen)

The animal roaming in the field, the fish swimming in the ocean, the eagle in the air – all are in search of daily bread. Without ever knowing it, they acknowledge the law that life is impossible without nourishment, that life grows only by life, and the joy of living comes from communion with another kind of life. The same law applies to man. We have a body that clamors for food. But man also has a soul which is spiritual and, therefore, requires spiritual food. We are hungry for God. He is our most urgent need. Jesus, as the Bread of Life, will satisfy the soul's hunger if we just partake of Him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, set a fire in my heart that is hungry to find the way, set a fire in my heart that is hungry to discover the truth, set a fire in my heart that is hungry for the fullness of life You spoke of when You walked the dusty roads of Galilee 2000 years ago. Remind me in all things that You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

Chapter 8: The Eucharist: God's Hiding and Our Seeking (Bobby Angel)

God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Only God has the divine perspective of the tapestry of all time and space. Before we start thinking that we're entitled to understand the whole of reality, we have to first have a posture of humility. What we participate in is not a problem to be solved but a great mystery to be experienced. God never said that we wouldn't face suffering (or that He would take all our suffering away), but He did say He would be with us in the trials, wherever we go (Genesis 28:15). He also provides literal food for our journey – the Eucharist.

In playing hide-and-seek, to be hidden does not mean "absent" or that one has disappeared. To be hidden does not mean that God is playing games with us, but that He wants us to discover Him anew with our own eyes (and I might add, our hearts and minds and souls too). The mystery, the delight of being found, in the Eucharist is His eternal invitation to come find Him, and the only way for us to fulfill the deepest desire of our hearts.

Verse to Live: Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)

Chapter 9: The Ultimate Proof of God's Love (Father Eric Boelscher)

In 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, St. Paul writes "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." St. Paul goes on to explain that if you are looking for proof that God's love is real, He has already given it. The Cross is written about up and down the pages of Scripture. In Genesis, we read about the tree of life. Then we read of Abraham's faith by having his grown son carry wood up the mountain of Moriah intending to sacrifice him as the Lord commanded, before God then stops him. Prior to the Exodus, Moses and the Israelites are delivered by God's power and spared by His mercy during Passover by marking the vertical and horizontal posts of their door with blood. During the Exodus, they are saved by God's mercy when He instructs them to look at the sign of sin mounted to a wooden pole and they will be spared. In Psalm 22, King David describes the crucifixion of Christ on the Cross. In the New Testament, the Cross' gift of mercy through sacrifice continues to be written about. Sacrifice is the language of love. So you see, God does love us. He sacrificed His only Son for us. During Mass, the one eternal sacrifice of Christ on His Cross is the essence of the Eucharist. It is Christ Himself, given up for you and me on the Cross, offered to us now and for eternity. Whenever you see the Eucharist, you look upon the reality of Jesus' sacrifice of the Cross. The arms of that Cross stretch from the beginning of time into eternity, and from Heaven to Earth.

Prayer: Jesus, begin a revolution of love in my heart today. Teach me to love myself as You love me, so that I can love others who cross my path in a way that reminds them that You are the Revolutionary the world needs in all places and at all times. Amen.

Chapter 10: Thirty Words that Revolutionized My Life (Allen Hunt)

The writer says the following words revolutionized his life -- The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you."

The writer continues his chapter by saying he was asked to speak before a group of Dominican nuns who he had been told "pray all day". He said they had light emanating from their eyes and a radiance leaping off their

faces. They were the most attractive women he had ever met stating that holiness is attractive. It draws people to you. He challenges the reader to never take for granted the extraordinary treasure of the Eucharist. Let us never become numb to the fact that Jesus wants to give Himself fully to each of us at every Mass. He really is there, waiting to transform our lives. That is the greatest treasure we could ever hope to have.

Point to Ponder: There is one thing that God is trying to say to you at this moment. You are resisting it, avoiding it, ignoring it. Surrender to it, and your life will change beginning today. Transformation will take place!

Prayer: Lord, fill me with Your light and never let me forget that there is nothing more attractive than holiness. Amen.

Chapter 11: Why I Lied to My Pastor About First Communion (Sister Helena Burns, FSP)

Sister Burns explains in her chapter that she pretended to believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist so she could receive her First Communion at the age of seven and get a pretty dress, have a party and receive gifts.

While she was properly taught about the Eucharist and how with the words of consecration, the wafer and wine truly turn into the body and blood of Christ, she really did not believe it. As she grew up, the little faith that she had turned into the faith of the Deists. She says she believed in God the Creator as a watchmaker, who wound up the world and then stepped back, stepped away from His creation, and was no longer involved in it. By the time she reached the age of 15, she was quietly suicidal. One night, at wit's end, she prayed, "O God, if You can hear me, I need Your help because I don't know why I'm alive and I don't want to live anymore", and she went to bed. The next morning she woke up completely changed. She writes that she could feel God's presence and knew He loved her. She then struggled, however, to find a Christian denomination to join. She eventually found her way into a Catholic church before the Blessed Sacrament and prayed, fully expecting that God would answer her again, "Jesus, if You are in the tabernacle, I will accept the Catholic Church's teachings." He responded with "Yes, I am here." Four days later, she became a Sister.

Sister Burns concludes her chapter by saying that God could have communicated to her before she asked, but she believes He waited until she had prayed wholeheartedly to show her the importance of prayer. God invites us to know Him in mysterious ways. What matters isn't that we grasp why. What matters is whether or not we say "yes." There's no more powerful way to do that than to turn to Him in the Eucharist.

Point to Ponder: Next time you think that God has stopped speaking to you, consider the alternative reality that perhaps you have stopped listening to His voice in your life.

Chapter 12: Why Didn't Anyone Tell Me This? (Matt Warner)

The author begins by saying he is a Catholic who grew up in the church, never questioning his beliefs. He believed that the Eucharist was truly the body and blood of Jesus. He learned, however, that not everyone believed it and as he tried to communicate the Message to people he met, it became obvious that sometimes the Message was received successfully, but other times he felt that he had failed miserably in its delivery. He learned that the capacity for a person to receive is determined by many things – their relationship with the person delivering the message, the perception of the Church, various needs and sufferings that one might be going through, and their worldview.

The writer continues by saying that we have a crisis of imagination. He used to think that his imagination was for seeing things that aren't real. In truth, it's for seeing things that are the most real – because the most important parts of life are invisible. You need an imagination to account for all the real things that can't be seen, like thoughts. Heavy things that can't be weighed, like values. Movements of the most powerful creatures, like angels. Sacrifices that can't be measured, like love. Actions that are most important, like prayer. Forces that hold the universe together, like grace. Miracles hidden beneath the ordinary, like the Eucharist. He continues by saying that our modern imagination needs an expansion before it can understand the explanation. One must first understand the incredible story we are all already in – God's story, the story of salvation history. That's where one discovers that the secret to happiness and the purpose of this life is not to enjoy the trivialities, but to leave them behind for what lies beyond.

Point to Ponder: Do you sense that God is calling you to step away from the comfort that defines your life and participate in life more meaningfully?

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Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese**Holy Trinity Parish Hosts Annual Spaghetti Dinner****Woodlawn, NY**

On Saturday afternoon/evening, September 27th, Holy Trinity Parish in Woodlawn, NY, hosted a very successful and delicious spaghetti dinner in the Parish Hall. In addition to dinner, attendees took chances on numerous items offered in the basket raffle.

Many thanks to the Parish Team and volunteers for helping to coordinate and work at this wonderful event. Thanks also to the generous support of all of the friends and benefactors for making this event so successful. God bless you!



Central Diocese

Holy Mother of Sorrows Annual Dożynki Dupont, PA

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA, conducted its 49th Annual Polish Harvest Festival - Dożynki - on Sunday, September 7, 2025. The Blessing of the Harvest Wreath opened the Festival. As a token of good luck, everyone who passed by the Harvest Wreath for a greeting partook in some of the special harvest bread along with some cheese and wine.

As part of the festival, everyone enjoyed some live polka music, a big raffle, a basket raffle & games for children. The usual delicious food that was for sale was potato pancakes, pierogi, gołąbki (stuffed cabbage), kluski (haluski), kielbasa, kielbasa w/kraut, sausage, sausage w/peppers, clam chowder, hot dogs, hot dogs w/ kraut, hamburgers, French fries, cheeseburgers and funnel cakes. This year's addition to the menu included chicken bites and mozzarella sticks. A variety of baked goods, including paczki, was also available.

We thank all our volunteers for hard work and all patrons for supporting us.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid



Dożynki Volunteers



Eastern Diocese**September at Blessed Trinity Parish****Fall River, MA**

Following Mass on Sunday, September 14th, the Solemnity of Brotherly Love, Blessed Trinity Parish pastor Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich blessed the Sunday School students and teachers as they commence a new year.

May our youth grow in the love and service of our Lord and His Holy Church as they learn in our School of Christian Living program this new school year.



Prior to Mass on Sunday, September 21st, altar servers Dylan and Emmy were presented with 10 year Altar Server Crosses. May God bless them both and all Altar Servers!



Western Diocese**Summer and Fall Activities at St. Mary's Parish
South Bend, IN**

During the Easter season, Very Reverend Charles and Susan Zawistowski presented a book, "Beautiful Eucharist," to each household. The book is about the importance of the Mass and Holy Communion. Everyone appreciated receiving this gift.

On Mother's Day, the Chopin Choir gave carnations to all Mothers, or in memory of Mothers, to those attending Mass. This has become a long-standing tradition for the Choir.

The Ladies Adoration Society held a Gift Card Drawing in May which was very successful. This Drawing is held twice a year in May and again in November. The response continues to be very enthusiastic as the prizes are very nice.

On Pentecost, it has become a custom for parishioners to wear red. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. It is quite a sight to see all the red color that is worn.

Parishioners again signed up for "Flowers for Giving" which is free. Flowers are given by the parishioners to family, friends, or neighbors to show that there are people and a Church thinking about them.

Clergy Pension Fund – For the annual campaign this year, we were able to raise \$2508 which surpassed our goal.

In August, the Men's Club sponsored an outing to the South Bend Cubs game at Four Winds Field, with 30 participating. The park offers more activities now, including a beautiful Splash Pad. Everyone enjoyed the day.

We have started Fellowships once every month. This will allow everyone a chance to spend more time visiting each other.

On October 4, the Blessing of Pets will take place. This event has grown each year with parishioners and many from the community bringing their beloved pets. Collection of dog and cat food along with toys are donated to the rescue facilities. It is amazing how many types of pets are brought for the blessing.

October 19 is Heritage Sunday. An ethnic pot luck is planned, Parishioners will bring a food item of their heritage or a family favorite to share.

The Men's Club will have a Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 25. More than 10 kinds of chili will be available to those attending.

The Ladies Adoration Society is planning a Fall gift card drawing on November 16. Many different types of gift cards will be provided.

Offering thoughts and best wishes to our parishes around the Church!

Submitted by Fran Lemanski

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Conclusion: Get Close and Stay Close (Matthew Kelly)

Have you ever wondered why we build such beautiful churches? It's because we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. You should feel awe and a sense of the sacred when you enter a church. Beautiful churches say that there is something more here than art or architecture, something more than history – and not just something, but *Someone*. That *Someone* is Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, and truly present in the tabernacle.

All the answers we need are in the tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers, and He patiently waits for us in the tabernacle to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by a church and ask Jesus for His advice. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the ultimate spiritual experience, but there is also something powerful about just sitting in His presence.

The world is a busy and noisy place, and all of that tends to distract us from what is needed most. It is getting harder and harder to find a quiet place for reflection, a quiet place for daily prayer. A place where we can seek clarity, healing, peace and purpose. This is possible before the tabernacle, before the presence of Jesus. When you find that quietness, you will find that your days are more fruitful and focused, and filled with a passion that is invigorating, and a joy that is intoxicating. Jesus awaits you in the Eucharist. Come into the silence and let Him change your life.

2026 P.N.C.C. Home Liturgical Calendar

The Polish National Catholic Church has full color 2026 home liturgical calendars for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. This calendar with original photographs for each month includes information concerning P.N.C.C. holy days. We urge you to order calendars for your parishioners as soon as possible because our supply is very limited, and once we are sold out of the inventory, no more will be printed.

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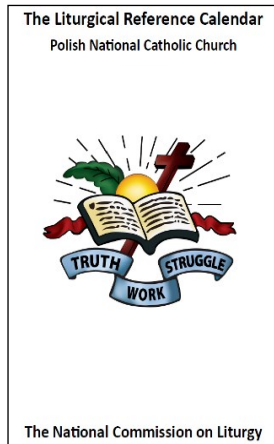
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2026 Liturgical Reference Calendar (Ordo)



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To order your 2026 Ordo(s), please complete the order form (include shipping address), below, and mail it with your payment. **Your paid Ordo order will be shipped to you as soon as this office receives the shipment from the printer.**

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ORDER FORM ALONG WITH FULL PAYMENT, VIA MAIL. Please do not call in orders over the phone or email orders to this office; we will not accept or fulfill such orders. Each year that we allowed phoned- or emailed-in orders, a select number of those orders were never paid and this causes a loss to this office. Ordo sales are not for profit to this office; we are charging the minimum amount for the cost of printing, shipping materials and shipping costs.

We appreciate your support and cooperation for this very important P.N.C.C. liturgical reference calendar.

Detach invoice, below, complete and send with payment to
The Polish National Catholic Church – L R C
Attn: Secretary to Prime Bishop
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505-4109

Order forms can also be found on our website events page at:

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✂ Please detach, complete and return only this bottom portion with your remittance.
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APPEAL FOR 2025 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Rt. Rev. Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Parish Committees, Parish Organizations and Parishioners.

It is the time of year for us to appeal to you -- the parishes, the Standard Church Organizations and the individual members of the Polish National Catholic Church -- to publish your Christmas greetings in the Official Publication of the Polish National Catholic Church, *God's Field—Rola Boza*.

In past years your responses to our appeals have been enthusiastic and we sincerely hope your generosity and support will continue this year.

The cost for publishing Christmas greetings for individuals, parishes and organizations is \$20.00. Due to space constraints in the *God's Field* page setup, greetings are limited to up to three (3) lines of text.

Example greetings:


The Y.M.S. of R. of St. John's Parish, Everytown, USA
 Eve Adams, President
 May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St. John's Parish, Everytown, USA
 Rev. Abel Adams, Pastor
 May the birth of Christ bring blessings to us all!

**ALL GREETINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENTS, MUST BE RECEIVED BY
 DECEMBER 12, 2025 IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE.
 ONLY PAID GREETINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED.**

Please use the form below for your convenience.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Staff and Management of *God's Field—Rola Boza*

 ***Cut here and send bottom portion only with your payment. Do not return entire letter.***

***Please send to the above address your greetings and payment
 (\$20.00 USD check or money order, payable to God's Field)
 by DECEMBER 12, 2025.***

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