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Waiting for the Lord

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

On November 30, 2025 we begin another liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Each year the first Sunday of the new liturgical year falls on the Sunday that is closest to the Feast of St. Andrew, the first-called Apostle.

As we begin this new year a few things change immediately. The liturgical color changes from the green of Ordinary Time and the white of the last solemnity to purple or saron blue to denote the themes of preparation and hope in Advent. We have also changed the gospel of our primary focus. Last year, Cycle C, was primarily focused on the Gospel of St. Luke, but this new year, Cycle A, will have gospel readings from St. Matthew.

But there are also things which have not changed. During the last few weeks of the past Ordinary Time and finally with the Solemnity of Christ the King we were intently focused on the teaching of Jesus regarding the end times in the Gospel of St. Luke. Although we have changed to St. Matthew, we begin Advent with a Gospel reading from the end of Matthew's Gospel as Jesus speaks of the end of all things. During His time in Jerusalem before His Passion, Jesus teaches regarding the end. "For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man." (Matthew 24:37) Jesus tells His followers that even though there were warnings, there was still a number of people who were not prepared. "For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the

day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away." (Matthew 24:38-39)

In the season of Advent, we are waiting for the Lord to come to us. The season begins with a focus on the fact that Jesus will return to the earth in glory. It is something we confess each and every Sunday when we recite the Creed. We say, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end." But Advent is also the season in which we start to reorient ourselves. We begin to realize that this final return in glory is only possible because there was a first appearance of our Lord which took place two thousand years ago.

Again, it is something we confess in the Creed, "For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became Man." The Season of Advent is where we connect these two events together. God so loved the world that He sent His Son for our salvation. In the person of Jesus, God gives to us His ultimate revelation. "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by a Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, through Whom He also created the worlds." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

We experience this shift as well when we consider the individuals that we encounter during this Advent season. At the beginning of Advent, a primary focus

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will be on Isaiah the Prophet. In the later weeks we will focus on John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Isaiah was one who spoke of God's ways, but also he was one who remotely pointed to the Messiah, who would be a Savior. The Blessed Virgin Mary and John the Baptist are more immediate preparations. We will encounter the "yes" of Mary to the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel that the Messiah would be born of her. And this is something that we will especially celebrate in the Advent Rorate Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also encounter the preparations for the ministry of our Lord in the person of John the Baptist. He will point to Jesus as the "Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the World."

But in this time of transition from the last appearance of our Lord when He comes in power and glory, to the first appearance of our Lord as the infant Child of Bethlehem, during this season of Advent, we also must acknowledge that there is a third intermediate coming of Christ into the world. And it happens in the present day.

Each and every time we come to Church, the Lord comes to us and He does so in a variety of ways. We must especially acknowledge that He is truly present to us in the Holy Eucharist. It is the true Body and Blood of Christ that comes to us upon our altars. And even more so, this presence of Jesus is communicated to us when we receive Him in Holy Communion. Jesus is also present to us in the proclamation of the Gospel and the expounding upon it in the Sacrament of the Word of God. We had said above in the Letter to the Hebrews that "in these last days He [God] has spoken to us by a Son." (Hebrews 1:2) This speaking is extended in the Church today in the proclamation of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then through the homiletic ministry of the Church, the Sacrament of the Word of God. Similar to the Holy Eucharist, this is especially true when we receive the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Word of God with hearts and minds open to allowing ourselves to be changed and grow closer to Jesus.

So, my brothers and sisters, we have only a short time in this season of Advent, which lasts only four weeks, to get ourselves ready. Saint Paul says it in the Second Reading from the First Sunday of Advent, "For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:11b-12)

Use the time in the Advent season to prepare our hearts and minds and lives for the coming of the Lord. The Season gives us a number of ways to do so. Participate fully in the Masses during the Advent season. Consider having an Advent Wreath with candles in your home where you can light the candles during dinner time and allow the themes of Advent preparation to be with you. Attend the Advent Retreats or Penitential Services that are held throughout the Church. And if you are unable to do so, then make a more concerted effort during the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance during Holy Mass. Show up to church a few minutes early and put in some effort in reviewing the Examination of Conscience at the beginning of the Mass Book. Pray the prayers given there with some intention. Review the questions given to examine your conscience. If we would spend just 10 seconds on each question given there, then we can spend 25 minutes in preparation for the Sacrament of Penance.

Ultimately allow all of these practices of the Advent season to begin to change you for the better. We desire to put aside any darkness and to see in the light our Lord Jesus Christ Who is coming to us. Yes, be prepared for the Lord when He will come for you at the end, to judge us in power and in glory. Yes, be prepared for the Lord Who will come as the Child of Bethlehem to bring to the world His peace and love. But also be prepared to welcome the Lord at every moment, in the celebration of the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, in our Advent sacrifices of moments of extra prayers and penances, and especially in quiet hope as we wait for the Lord Who is coming.

P.N.C.C. Future Direction
November 2025
Nicea at 1700
Preparation, Bridge and Response

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 examine the placement of the Creed within the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Holy Mass. How this placement interacts with other parts of the liturgy and what we are seeking to bring to light by our individual and corporate proclamation of the Creed.

Scripture

Romans 10:8-9 – But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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.

1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Matthew 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

Acts 2:41-42 – So those who welcomed [Peter’s] message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Hebrews 4:14 – Since, then, we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Reflection

The Nicene Creed is one that we usually know very well since we recite it each week as we gather for the celebration of Holy Mass. But besides the content of the Creed, which we have examined earlier this year, we can also consider the role that this creed fulfills within the Eucharistic liturgy as a whole.

The celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass is sometimes simply thought of as the renewal of the Last Supper where our Lord first gave His Body and Blood to the Apostles and instructed them to “do this in memory of Me.” But in fact, there is much more.

Each time we come to the celebration of Holy Mass, we have the opportunity to receive three sacraments, the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. The recitation of the Nicene Creed occurs as a transition between the second and third of these Sacraments.

Following the Penitential Rite, as a preparation for the entirety of the day’s celebration, we enter into “The Liturgy of the Word of God.” This portion of the day’s celebration gives to us, a reading from the Old Testament

(or Acts of the Apostles), a Psalm to which we respond, a reading from the Letters of the New Testament, and finally, as a culmination, a reading from the Holy Gospel. The Sacrament of the Word of God, the homily, follows as an expansion and extension of these portions of Scripture.

It is in this way that we look at the recitation of the Creed as a response. Having heard the Lord's words to us, and their expansion and explanation in the homily, we then respond by making this proclamation our own. These points of faith in the Creed are no longer just ideas which have been presented and communicated to us, but rather they now belong to each of us, as we proclaim, "I believe in ...". And this belonging is both individual and corporate, since we say "I believe..." but we also do so together.

But the Nicene Creed is also a preparation. Having heard God's message given to us, and having responded with our own profession of faith, we then should desire to enter into an ever deeper relationship to Jesus. The proclamation of the Creed prepares us to receive Him in a deeper way. We desire to receive Jesus Himself, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. So as we confess the saving actions of Christ, and the work of God in the Church through the Holy Spirit, we desire to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, and through this to then become the Body of Christ, the Church.

The Creed then is also a bridge which takes us from the initial hearing of the message of God in Scripture, to the homily which is the Word of God given to us today, to our desire to receive Jesus in Communion and then be the Church, the Body of Christ in the world at the present time.

As response, preparation and bridge, the proclamation of the Nicene Creed allows us to fully participate in all the Sacraments that are present to us in the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Action Item

As an action item, when you proclaim the Creed during Holy Mass, realize that you are making this proclamation in response to having heard God's Word, in the Scriptures and in the homily. Know that you are not only proclaiming the faith of the Catholic Church, but "your" faith. Following the recitation of the Creed also realize that because you believe and confess this, you are driven to enter into a fuller and deeper relationship to Jesus Christ. You will receive Him fully present in the Sacrament of the Altar, and then also you will become united to His Body the Church as you join with all believers to build the Kingdom of God.

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



National Clergy Conference 2025: Strengthening the Church for the Future

Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral – Lancaster, NY

October 14–15, 2025



The 2025 National Clergy Conference of the Polish National Catholic Church convened at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, New York, uniting clergy from across the nation for prayer, collaboration and reflection. The conference focused on strengthening the Church's liturgical life, doctrinal clarity, and outreach as it prepares for the XXVII General Synod in 2026.

The National Liturgical Commission, via Father Senior Rob Nemkovich, reviewed updates to the *Yearly Liturgical Calendar (Ordo)*, the *Bulletin Statement on the Eucharist*, and pastoral materials on clergy funerals and eulogies. Discussion on the *Essential Elements of the Sacraments* reaffirmed their theological integrity while ensuring pastoral adaptability.

The Church Doctrine Commission, via Father Scott Lill, emphasized the renewal of educational materials on *Fasting and Penance* and *Veneration of the Saints* and introduced compassionate pastoral guidelines for ministry to individuals with a homosexual orientation or gender dysphoria, reinforcing the P.N.C.C.'s commitment to truth and charity.

The Mission and Evangelism Commission highlighted outreach as central to parish vitality, with Bishop Paul Sobiechowski presenting the *New Members Class* initiative. Looking ahead, clergy anticipate the 2026 *Mission and Evangelism Workshop* as a time for renewal and creative engagement.

Father Jim Ploskonka presented the catalog for the *Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute*, introducing non-credit theological programs for clergy and laity. Father Konicki shared updates on seminary property renovations, community garden initiatives and new communication efforts through the seminary website and newsletter.

In administrative matters, clergy discussed benefits, census and vocation development, underscoring the importance of supporting the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of those who serve.

For the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the salvation of souls.

Submitted by Rev. Jim Ploskonka

77th Convention of the United Young Men's Society of Resurrection

October 24–26, 2025 – St. Mary's Parish, Parma, OH

The 77th Convention of the United Y.M.S. of R. convened at St. Mary's Parish in Parma, OH, from October 24th through 26th, 2025, marking another inspiring chapter in the life of this faith-filled organization. The



weekend was characterized by fraternity, thoughtful discussion and a renewed commitment to the mission of the Church through the works of the Y.M.S. of R.

The gathering began on Friday evening with a warm welcome and fellowship hosted by Father Jim and Elaine Ploskonka at their home. The evening offered an atmosphere of joy, laughter and genuine Christian friendship, setting the tone for a productive and prayerful convention week-end.

Saturday commenced with the Office of Lauds, led by the men of the National Y.M.S. of R., grounding the day in worship and gratitude. St. Mary's Parish Chairman, Chuck Repede, then extended greetings on behalf of the parish community. Following the singing of *The Star-Spangled Banner* and the Y.M.S. of R. anthem, *Forward, O Youth*, President Nick Kazinetz officially called the convention to order. He appointed Father Jim Ploskonka as Chair of the Convention meeting. Twenty-two members and delegates participated, representing parishes from across the Church, all eager to contribute ideas and energy toward the Society's future.

A highlight of the morning was an intensive planning and brainstorming session conducted before and after a delightful homemade soup luncheon, lovingly prepared by parish volunteers. Employing a formal SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) framework, participants examined the current state of the Y.M.S. of R. and identified practical strategies for growth and renewal. The conversation was lively and collaborative, resulting in a clear set of priority goals for the next two years, including expanding youth engagement, enhancing visibility of service projects, and increasing collaboration between local branches and national leadership.

Reports and updates presented during the session reflected the vitality and faith-driven energy of the Society's ongoing ministries:

Winter Clothing Drive: The effort continues to thrive, with new strategies shared to increase both donations and community participation.

Bishop Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat: Both the 2024 and 2025 retreats were described as spiritually enriching and well-attended, while the 2026 retreat is already shaping up to be another powerful event of faith and renewal.

Kurs Camp: Praised once again for its affordability, engaging programming and Christ-centered fellowship. The camp remains a cornerstone of Y.M.S. of R. youth outreach.

Golf Tournament: Planning is underway for a fall 2026 event that will combine fellowship, fun and fundraising.

Bowling Tournament: Scheduled for 2026, this event promises to bring together members and friends from across dioceses in friendly competition and camaraderie.

The delegates also voted to submit the names of three priests of the Polish National Catholic Church as nominees for the episcopacy — a decision reflecting deep prayer, discernment, and faith in God's guidance for the Church's future.

As the convention ended, heartfelt thanks were extended to St. Mary's Parish for their generous hospitality and to all who contributed to the weekend's success. Congratulations to Bill Konrad and Father Jim being reelected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National United Y.M.S. of R. Delegates departed with renewed enthusiasm, united in their mission to serve God, Church and community. With hearts lifted and spirits strengthened, they echoed the timeless call of the Society's anthem — **"Forward, O Youth!"**

Submitted by Rev. Jim Ploskonka



Self Care

Rev. Jim Konicki, National Vocations Director

We offer you the Savonarola Theological Seminary Newsletter for November 2025 focused on self-care.

Over the past month I was engaged in Chaplain Emergency Services School (ChESS) Training through the National Emergency Services Academy at Camp Atterbury Joint Training and Maneuvers Base in Edinburg, Indiana.

The course requires participation three days a week for three hours per day, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The work is extensive but so worthwhile. Prior to enrollment a whole bunch of prerequisite training must be completed including Civil Air Patrol (CAP) General Emergency Services, FEMA Incident Command System, and Communication training.

My primary obligation as a CAP Chaplain is to be there for CAP personnel who are on the front lines as Incident Command, Communications, Ground Team, Flight Crew, and other support teams in Emergency Services incidents we are called to respond to.

Being there, whether as a pastor or chaplain, requires that we engage in self-care. As you can imagine, when confronted by an Emergency Services situation or in normal pastoral ministry we face traumas. Those might include the death of a parishioner, the grief of a family, family and parish stress, and most importantly, being the presence of Jesus amid every grief, tragedy, and stress.

As we were taught, traumas seen and experienced are traumas absorbed!

In other words, and this does not just apply to Emergency Services, when we face some sort of trauma, we must be careful not to just slough it off or ignore it. We need to face the experience, admit what we encountered, and work through the hard effort needed to address the trauma.

For a pastor, many might think we can just go home and our spouse will help us through. Certainly, their love and support matter, but we must be careful not to reveal confidences to them, nor to rely on them by burdening them with our stress.

Self-care is key to this. As priests, deacons and bishops we need to acknowledge our need for help, work with our parish committee, fellow clergy, and other team members on an ongoing basis (being present for each other), be aware of signs and symptoms, and get back to normal nutritional, exercise, and other life habits after a stressful or tragic incident.

Traumas take various forms, it may indeed be something we see in parish ministry, in a chaplaincy situation or mission, and in other things including experiences at work, school, in our communities, among friends and families, in health care settings, and in other encounters.

Remember that your clergy are present to help you through. Remember also to help them through. It is hard for clergy to acknowledge a need for help and avail themselves of help when they encounter those things that stress us. The key to our well-being is the love and care of the Christian community and most especially our local parish family. Check in with your pastor and offer encouragement and comfort. If your pastor needs help, encourage him to get it. Remind him that it is not weakness to get help, but God's intention that our communion be for all our well-being.

Please continue to pray for vocations, those who are being so generous in supporting the Seminary and for our Seminarians. If you are called, respond, and reach out to me at 518-522-0944 or rev.konicki@savonarola.net.



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!

Self-Care Among Clergy

Cleric Joel Smith

Self-care is vital for clergy, who often juggle both the traumas they encounter and those they take on from their ministry. Supporting congregants through their crises can be emotionally and spiritually exhausting, which can lead to burnout and compassion fatigue.

Taking time for self-care helps clergy recharge emotionally, stay mentally healthy, and continue serving with strength and purpose. It's really important for clergy to deliberately carve out time for self-care to process their own experiences and the heavy burdens they carry for those they serve. This might include practices like prayer, meditation, or exercise; but it can also mean indulging in hobbies that bring relaxation and joy. Whether it's gaming with friends, watching movies, or diving into a good book, these activities provide a much-needed escape.

From my own experience, I've found that whenever I felt stressed or overworked—especially when I was working full-time as a high school teacher and a full-time missionary—I would call my brother to play games and catch up. Even though he was halfway across the world, that time together allowed my mind to relax and enjoy our connection. Spending intentional time with friends and family is also crucial. By nurturing these relationships and fostering a culture of mutual support, clergy can create safe spaces to share their challenges, lift each other up, and prioritize personal well-being.

Together, we can develop effective ways to handle the stresses of ministry, helping us to stay resilient and capable in our vital roles.

How to Spell JOY

Cleric Jon Johnson

Jesus and others, then you;
 What a wonderful way to spell joy!
 Jesus and others, then you;
 In the life of each girl and each boy.

J is for Jesus, for He has first place;
 O is for others we meet face to face.
 Y is for you in whatever you do;
 Put yourself last and spell Joy.

This little “ditty” is a song that I remember from Sunday School as a child. The purpose of the song is to teach correct order in the Christian life, that God should always be first in whatever we do. It points out our need to be humble, and it reminds us that our lives are in the service of others. The world does not revolve around me, and everything is NOT all about ME, for we are called to serve God and others.

I remember back quite a few years ago having a conversation with a good friend. He was feeling rather down and disappointed. He spoke to me almost quoting lines of this song, but in a way that he misunderstood it. He had spent most of his teenage and early adulthood taking care of his younger brothers because of absent parents. “I have always put others first, myself last and God first, but it doesn't seem fair. There's no time for me. Why does it seem God is punishing me like this?”

After a bit of discussion, I pointed out that God does call us to serve others, but not to the point of our own detriment, especially if it sacrifices our relationship with Him or our physical health. There are times for

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heroics in our lives, and the Holy Spirit will help us determine these, but we must not forget to take care of ourselves physically and spiritually. If we have no time for God and to nurture our spiritual lives, we will wither and die. In John 15:5, Our Lord reminds us that, *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*

The longer I am in the Seminary and in the service of God and his Church, the more I've come to find this is true. God requires discipline in our lives, especially because of the responsibilities he gives us in serving others. We become useless to God and ourselves if we think we can rely on our own power and strength. Luke 12:48b reminds us, *"...to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."* This is a reminder to us that in order to live our lives of service, we must not neglect ourselves but remember to have the discipline take care of ourselves spiritually and physically. This is absolutely necessary in order to fulfill the responsibilities that are required of us. This is simple and sensible clergy "self-care."

The Church, in her wisdom, has given to all of us many spiritual tools to enable us to do this effectively. There should be a rhythm to our daily lives, a discipline. These tools that are given to us are ways which allow us to, "sanctify time" in our daily lives. The Liturgical year has a pattern. Like the seasons of the year, the seasons of the Liturgical year are cyclical. We know that the Eucharist itself is sanctifying, and following its seasons and its days, and through regularly spending time in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are both sanctified and strengthened.

The Church also devotes months of the year and days of the week to particular devotions. The Church also gives us daily practices to sanctify time, like the Liturgy of the Hours and even simple ones like the Angelus. Like the Desert Fathers of the early church, who found that by making discipline of the day, setting aside time to work, pray, mediate, eat and rest, we too can find both spiritual and physical strength. Through these practices, we make holy the day, the month, the year and our lives.

As I mentioned to my friend, there are times in our lives when we're called to heroics, but not to our own detriment. There are interruptions in our lives that we can't avoid or neglect. The Sacraments need to be administered, the sick need to be visited and tended, and the poor need to be fed; but if we discipline ourselves by sanctifying our time and sticking to it, we will in turn be blessed. Remember, the devil loves chaos and is the father of lies, but 1 Corinthians 14:33 reminds us that, *"...God is a God not of disorder but of peace."* Avoid the disorder. Embrace the peace of Christ.

So, keep those disciplines. Take the time to sanctify your day. Work around the distractions and don't allow chaos. Let Christ be your peace. Be faithful to your discipline. Preach like the church is full, even if it isn't, and you will learn to spell JOY.

I Cannot Run My Own Show

Cleric Todd Godwin

For this month's edition of God's Field, we seminarians were asked to write about the topic of clergy self-care. Maybe it's just because I am intrinsically lazy, but this is a delightful I topic. I jest!

No, but seriously. This is a very thought-provoking topic. The place where my mind goes with this is to the question of whether or not we can earn salvation. Perhaps it's my Protestant upbringing, but though I know that I cannot earn my salvation, and I know that I cannot run my own show, I try to do so, most of the time. And it's a big problem—one of the core areas where my formation in seminary has come to be concentrated.

For me, self-care isn't something I can schedule into my regimen. It has to be there all the time. It's also got to be part of my prayer rule. If I don't put prayer first, and by prayer I don't mean something I do, but something I have to "be," nothing works right in my life. An interesting meme was passed to me recently on WhatsApp. It said "The little bird fights its way out of the egg. The egg is the world." For me, what this means is that I have to free myself from the world and put my spirit into God's world on a regular basis, and I have to live there. In John's gospel we read:

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love (15:9-10, NRSV)

This connects to an earlier part of the chapter where Jesus says:

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in Me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit.

You have already been cleansed by the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing (15:1-5)

Abiding in this love that Jesus has already given us is no easy task. "Abide in Me" means remaining in a constant, living connection with Christ.

I link this to prayer and find that the practice of prayer not only does not take time from my day, I feel like I have more time when I do it. The part of the brain that measures time for me seems to expand and stretch, so I seem to have more time. When I have more time, I feel more relaxed. I am more present to others and to all the things and tasks that I face in a day. It is in this way that self-care isn't something I must do, but something I must embody. I must leave the egg.

Clergy Self-Care

Cleric David Dudzinski

The topic of self-care is *very* near and dear to my heart. For the past 8 years I have worked as a Hospice Chaplain- a ministry that is as draining as it is vital. In that field, self-care is not particularly emphasized, just maintaining the "bottom line." From that I've learned having a good listening ear- other hospice employees, chaplains, a Spiritual Father, or the like is *vital*. But it has to be someone who is either a chaplain or works in Hospice because most people just don't understand what it's like otherwise!

Boundaries are also important. If you have time off, make it your time. Don't pick up the phone, don't think about work, none of that- just relax. I have taken these skills and brought them to Seminary. Sure, there's always something I *could* do (and at Savonarola there really is!) but taking a day off is sometimes more important than all the work in the world.



Attitude of Gratitude

Cathy Andersen - All Saints Cathedral, Chicago, IL

November – the month of thanksgiving and Thanksgiving! A month of gratitude.

As we begin the month of November, we remember all of the Saints on All Saints' Day (which is November 1 and a Holy Day of Obligation) and our departed loved ones and all the departed souls on All Souls' Day (which is November 2, although celebrated on November 3 this year in the P.N.C.C.). Both days often bring to mind how thankful we should be to those who have gone before us. We should never forget them. Each of them left a legacy. We must remember and be thankful for the things that they taught us about love, life, work and the Church, among many other things. In one way or another, all our departed loved ones helped to shape who we are today whether by actual instruction, guidance or example. We should take a moment to remember them in our prayers, visiting their graves or attending the special Church services that are held.

As to thanksgiving, we should always be in a state of gratitude. Thankful to those who fill our daily lives with love, support, kind words, prayers, meaningful notes and gestures of various types. We must take time daily to slow down and recognize what others are doing for us or what we can do for others. We must recognize each human being that we come in contact with as made in the image of God, a child of God. We must be thankful for the opportunity to love and to serve others.

We must always give thanks and gratitude to God -- for the good and the bad, the beautiful and the ugly, the joys and the sufferings, the successes and the failures. We must nourish an attitude of gratitude by consciously and regularly expressing appreciation for both the significant and the small blessings that He bestows upon us. We must intentionally focus on the abundance in our lives rather than the lack thereof. We must not compare ourselves to others as to what we have or don't have but instead focus on what God has indeed given to us -- for all things come from God. These practices not only increase happiness and joy, give you a sense of fulfillment, reduce stress, improve the health of ourselves and our relationships, bring peace and foster resilience, but they bring us into a more intimate communion with God.

How does one cultivate an attitude of gratitude? You could create a gratitude journal in which you write down all your blessings; be mindful by staying present in each moment looking for God's hand in everything around you; and learn to say thank you to others and let them know you appreciate them, and they are a blessing to you.

When you are facing challenges, sufferings or hardships and it may be difficult to express your gratitude to God, turn to Scripture - the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 reads, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you."

Psalms 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Philippians 4:6-7 reads, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Once you have developed an attitude of gratitude, challenge yourself to develop an attitude of advance gratitude. This is the practice of feeling thankful for things before they happen or before they are received, based on belief that they are already on their way. One must view the future with optimism and wonder, trusting that whatever you need is already in place. God will provide to you all things that are necessary for you. Thank God for the many incredible people that you will encounter today; shift your focus on all the good things going on and how you may contribute to positive change within yourself and the community; for unexpected moments of joy and laughter that you will experience today; and for all the ways that your circumstances will exceed your expectations today. An attitude of advance gratitude is not easy because it will require faith that God will indeed deliver!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us come to our tables with an attitude of gratitude, and even an attitude of advance gratitude, for all the abundant blessings that God has given us in the past, present and future!



Canadian Diocese



Holy Trinity Parish, Hamilton, ON, Canada, invites you to listen to the first episode of the series "Getting to know the Polish National Catholic Church" on Radio P.N.C.C. Hamilton. It is a unique opportunity to better get to know the history, faith and spirituality of the Holy Trinity Parish community.

In this Polish language broadcast they talk about the roots of the PNKK, its mission and its importance in today's world. It's an invitation for reflection, dialogue, and discovery of the beauty of our faith.

Poznajemy PNKK

Podcast na temat historii Polskiego Narodowego Katolickiego Kościoła

Pierwszy odcinek to audycja modlitewno-refleksyjna poświęcona powstaniu Polskiego Narodowego Katolickiego Kościoła. Wspólnie zatrzymujemy się nad historią jego narodzin, nad wiarą, odwagą i pragnieniem wolności duchowej, które stały u początków tego Kościoła. To czas modlitwy, wdzięczności i odkrywania, jak Duch Święty prowadził wiernych w drodze ku odnowie.

W kolejnych odcinkach zapraszamy do ponownego odkrywania Polskiego Narodowego Katolickiego Kościoła – jego misji, wiary, tradycji i współczesnego życia. Niech każda audycja będzie dla nas chwilą zatrzymania, modlitwy i pogłębienia więzi z Bogiem oraz wspólnotą Kościoła.

On November 6th, a new Polish language series on the catechesis on the sacraments commenced on Radio P.N.C.C. Hamilton. This series is about the signs of God's presence in our lives that lead us to salvation. This is a beautiful opportunity to deepen your faith and understand the spiritual meaning of the sacraments in everyday life.

And immediately afterwards is a Prayer Evening with the Word of God - a moment of silence, prayer and reflection in the light of the Gospel.

Let this be a time of encounter with God and a community of faith.

Wieczory modlitewne

- Audycje modlitewno-refleksyjne

Poniżej można posłuchać nagrań naszych „Wieczorów modlitewnych” – audycji modlitewno-refleksyjnych transmitowanych w Parafialnym Radiu Trójcy Świętej.

To czas wspólnej modlitwy, ciszy i duchowej refleksji. W każdej audycji pochylamy się nad Słowem Bożym, rozważamy jego znaczenie w codziennym życiu i powierzamy Bogu nasze intencje.

Zapraszamy do słuchania i przeżywania tych chwil modlitwy razem z nami. Niech staną się one źródłem pokoju, umocnienia i duchowej bliskości z Panem.

Listen and pray on Holy Trinity Parish Radio – Parish PNKK Hamilton at <https://pnkk.ca/page7.html>.



Central Diocese

**Good Shepherd Parish bids Do Widzenia to Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski
Plymouth, PA**

On Saturday, Sunday, September 14th, Good Shepherd Parish in Plymouth, PA, bid farewell to retired resident priest Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski.

Following the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass, Parish Chair Mike Truskowski gave a heartwarming speech with a special presentation to Fr. Sr. Dymkowski.



A delicious homemade breakfast buffet honoring Fr. Sr. was held in the Parish Hall. A special cake was also presented to the honoree.

Everyone wished Fr. Sr. Dymkowski all the best in in his retirement, with the hope that this new chapter of his life brings him much peace, joy and fulfillment.

Submitted by Sarette Dymkowski



Holy Mother of Sorrows October Happenings Dupont, PA

On October 2, 2025, the Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Mat Making Group in Dupont, PA, presented several mats (which were made throughout the last several months in the Parish Hall) to Linda and Sue from [St Elizabeth's Way](#) of Bear Creek Village, PA, a group which helps the homeless in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The parish's annual blessing of the animals was held on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Saturday, October 4, 2025. Homemade treats, baked by Lois and Joyce, were given to the pets.



David Micka and Kelly Zaleski were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 4, 2025 by Very Rev. Zbigniew .

Eleanor Grace Astleford was baptized by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid on the 11th of October 2025. Eleanor Grace is pictured with her parents and godparents.



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George Remak Jr. and Jazlyn Rosario were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 25, 2025 by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid



St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish Activities Scranton, PA

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Officer Golden from the Scranton Police force lead an informational session for the St. Stanislaus Parish Committee members and interested parishioners describing responses we could make to an active shooter event or other aggressive disruptions during a Mass, religious service in the Cathedral, or at any other function elsewhere on the Cathedral grounds. It was agreed after the presentation that further review of safety measures within the Cathedral campus will need to be discussed.



On the first Saturday of each month St. Stanislaus Cathedral hosts a free meal offered to the local community. This 'One Hot Meal' program was started under the suggestion of Father Jason Soltysiak when he was Assistant Pastor at St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish, and it has continued ever since.

Because of the generosity of many of our parish families who sponsor the monthly meals, we are able to provide meals for local community members, as well as Intervention Center and Veterans' groups. Dedicated volunteers give their time and talent in preparing, serving and delivering the monthly meals. Many local organizations outside of our parish family also pitch in to volunteer at various times of the year. On November 1, students from Penn State Scranton volunteered their time to help.

Submitted by Frank Gerardi



**Front: Andrew Doyle, Abigail Doyle, Cecilia Thomas
Back: Colton Thomas, Leslie Doyle and Penn State Scranton Students**



Debbie Godek, Gloria Thiel, Linda Seliga and Carol Nasser



Penn State Scranton Students

Eastern Diocese

Blessed Trinity Animal Blessings and Polish Food Festival Fall River, MA

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Blessed Trinity Parish held its annual Blessing of Animals. Fifteen furry and feathered friends, along with their pet parents, attended this annual blessing. They even made the front page of the local newspaper, [The Herald News!](#)



On Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th, Blessed Trinity Parish hosted its annual Polish Food Fest. It was another highly successful event after several weeks of countless hours of preparation of delicious Polish foods such as potato & cheese and cabbage pierogi, gołąbki, cabbage soup, kielbasa, babka, kolachi and chruściki. Another autumn delicacy, pumpkin roll, was also offered.

Many thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers and also to everyone who came to support this annual event that helped to raise the funds needed at the parish to continue their mission and ministry in the name of Jesus!



'Making of Christmas' film shows kindness in Fall River and New Bedford. How to watch it.

Ashley Schuler – The Herald News



FALL RIVER — [Fall River's Christmas spirit](#) is showcased in a new documentary on Amazon Prime Video that explores what makes this the most wonderful time of the year.

In “The Making of Christmas,” local filmmaker Jim Hanon unwraps the true meaning of Christmas that goes beyond the cards and shopping sprees and Hallmark movies and piles of presents under the tree.

It’s a story of community, Hanon notes, one that often gets lost in [the holiday hustle and bustle](#).

The film, which makes its “red carpet” debut with local screenings starting this weekend, is described as “a poignant exploration of the vast history and meaning of Christmas” and a “journey to rediscover the humanity of God with us, beyond the God-shaped things or ideas that are often sold to us.”

Hanon, founder of Bristol R.I.-based Somebody Film, has been a filmmaker for 20 years but his first career was in advertising, which he touches upon in the documentary as he explores the consumeristic aspect of Christmas and the need to “return to the more simple and more giving aspect of Christmas.”

“Christmas has become, for many, kind of a mixed bag because it’s an incredible story of hope and love for others and yet it’s also very commercialized,” Hanon said. “I wanted to explore on a simple level the everyday expressions of Christmas, the origins of what drives the Christmas spirit, and I wanted very much to look at that in New England.”

Christmas in Fall River, New Bedford and even Norway

The 73-minute documentary weaves in stories from several New England cities and towns, shining a particular light on the South-Coast with aerial views of the Braga Bridge and Battleship Cove and a closer look behind the scenes of Christmas events at Fall River and New Bedford churches.

A passion project for Hanon, the film was shot over five years and five Christmas seasons.

New Bedford was Hanon’s first stop on their yearslong film project in 2019, visiting Our Lady of Purgatory Church for the production of their Christmas pageant. Hanon also explored Christmas via a Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, and town events in Rockport, Mass., as well as Newport, Bristol, and Warren, R.I.

Filming took him as far as Europe, where he experienced Bergen, Norway’s Gingerbread City tradition.

“They make the largest gingerbread city in the world every Christmas and I thought what kind of community does it take to have everybody bake and put together this kind of thing,” Hanon said. “I found that generations of people in that community have been doing it ... it’s an amazing event that’s not sponsored by any church but by the idea of bringing everybody together.”

‘No One Alone at Christmas’: the Fall River story

When Hanon sought people taking the Christmas spirit into the area of helping others, that led him to Fall River.

He spent Christmas Day 2024 at Blessed Trinity Church’s “No One Alone at Christmas” community meal, which presents “a contemporary example of light shining into darkness,” Hanon says in the film.

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The six-minute Fall River segment joins the Rev. Rob Nemkovich of Blessed Trinity Church, who coordinated the inaugural Christmas brunch with the help of Christopher Silvia of Christopher's Café, who is also interviewed in the film, to offer people food, warmth or simply some fellowship on Christmas Day.

“Whether it was someone in need or someone who just didn't have any family, we opened it up to anyone and the hall was filled,” Nemkovich said. “It's amazing how the community came together, different local restaurants donated stuff. ... It was a wonderful day.”

The event served about 150 people, and to see the amount of volunteers and people who came in to enjoy a home-cooked holiday meal — that maybe wouldn't have otherwise — was “heartwarming,” Nemkovich said.

“It was truly a blessed Christmas and one that I will never forget,” said Nemkovich, who confirmed the Christmas Day brunch will be returning this year.

While some organizations offer complete holiday meals to-go or for delivery, what makes Blessed Trinity's sit-down community meals special is that volunteers break bread alongside those who they are serving.

“You can't do it alone. No one can do it alone. Events like this allow us to make that connection ... come be with us, whether you are sitting at the table and we're serving you or whether you are the one serving. It all comes together. The reward is felt both ways,” Kathy Nemkovich, Father Rob's wife, says in the film.

Blessed Trinity's community outreach extends year-round

Blessed Trinity works tirelessly year-round on their community outreach — oftentimes in conjunction with THRIVE, an organization whose mission is aiding the unhoused and vulnerable in Fall River — but Rob Nemkovich said the holidays “is a time of the year we really roll up the sleeves a bit.”

Over these next two weeks, Nemkovich and his team of volunteers will be quite busy in the kitchen preparing a total of 55 turkeys for three different community feasts.

Meal prep kicked off Monday, Nov. 17, cooking 16 birds for the Fall River Veterans Kitchen Thanksgiving dinner being held Nov. 19 at the Liberal Club. The following day, they made 24 turkeys for THRIVE's free Thanksgiving Banquet for the homeless at the city's Cultural Center on Nov. 20.

Next week, their culinary feat continues with a final round of turkeys for Blessed Trinity's community dinner on Thanksgiving Day, a decade-long tradition that continues to grow.

According to Hanon, everyone who's seen “The Making of Christmas” comments on the Fall River segment “because of the genuineness, that other people are treated well, and just the heart of the story.”

“It was great being with these different people and seeing how they celebrated each other. It was a privilege to be a part of,” Hanon said.

What he hopes people take away from his film is the idea that “there is hope in people, there is hope in each other, there are things that bring us together that we can focus on and not just things that divide.”



How can I watch ‘The Making of Christmas’?

“The Making of Christmas” documentary is available on Amazon Prime Video.

Western Diocese

Welcome Home: Sons of All Saints Celebration

Sterling Heights, MI

On Saturday, September 27, 2025, All Saints Parish was filled to overflowing as parishioners, friends, and guests gathered for a truly historic and joy-filled occasion—the *Sons of All Saints Recognition Banquet* honoring The Right Reverend Paul Sobiechowski and The Reverend Joseph Lewandowski.

The celebration began with a Solemn High Mass at 3:00 p.m., concelebrated by our own native sons, Bishop Paul and Father Joe. Not a single seat remained available, as the faithful gathered to give thanks for the many years of dedicated priestly service offered by these remarkable men who first heard the call to serve within our parish walls. The liturgy resounded with prayer, song, and heartfelt thanksgiving for their ministry to God's people.



Following the Mass, a festive banquet took place in the parish hall, beginning with a warm cocktail hour. The evening's program, gracefully led by Master of Ceremonies Mike Szydłowski, beautifully reflected the spirit of gratitude and pride shared by all in attendance. Guests enjoyed a lively performance by the Zakopane Dancers, whose traditional songs and dances added a joyful cultural touch to the evening.



Messages of congratulations and blessings were shared from His Grace, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky; Bishop Nowicki; Father Senior Charles Zawistowski; The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan; Nick Kazinetz, President of the Y.M.S. of R.; Lydia Hohn, President of the National United Choirs; and Jeff Kolenciki, Chair of All Saints Parish Committee. Each tribute spoke eloquently of the lasting influence Bishop Paul and Father Joe have had on the life of the Church, both locally and nationally.



The evening was made even more special through the involvement of our youth, who served as hosts, greeters, and attendants throughout the celebration. Their joyful participation and reverent service embodied the living faith and bright future of All Saints Parish.



In every sense, this was a *homecoming to remember* — a moment when the past and present of our parish converged in celebration, thanksgiving, and love. May God continue to bless Bishop Paul and Father Joe for their steadfast devotion, and may their example continue to inspire future generations of “Sons and Daughters of All Saints.”

Submitted by Rev. Jim Ploskonka

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Sons of All Saints Recognition Banquet Planning Committee, All Saints Parish Committee and Clergy

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

All Saints Parish, Sterling Heights, MI



On October 4 at Noon, All Saints Parish joyfully celebrated the *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi* with our annual Blessing of the Pets. Father Jim Ploskonka led a heartfelt outdoor prayer service honoring St. Francis — the beloved patron saint of animals and creation — reminding us that from the very beginning, God entrusted us with His creatures as companions and signs of His love.

This year's event was blessed with sunshine, smiles, and wagging tails! Eighteen dogs, big and small, lined up for blessings, each receiving a gentle prayer and a sprinkle of holy water. Remarkably, there were *no fights, no bites, and no accidents* — only joy, laughter, and gratitude filling the day.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to Dwight and Marica for coordinating the event and gathering donations to provide treats for all the dogs and cider and donuts for their human guardians.

Their care and organization made the afternoon a wonderful success. In the true spirit of St. Francis, a generous donation was also made to the County Animal Shelter, with all proceeds from the event going directly to support the shelter's ongoing care for abandoned and rescued animals.

The Blessing of the Pets reminds us that all creations praise the Lord and that our faithful companions are precious gifts from Him. It was, indeed, a *beautiful day to celebrate the Lord's gift to us from the beginning*.

Submitted by Rev. Jim Ploskonka

110th Anniversary of St. Mary's Parish

Parma, OH



The 110th Anniversary of St. Mary's P.N.C.C. took place on Sunday, October 26, with a 10 AM Holy Mass celebrated by his Grace, the Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Fr. Jason Soltysiak, Fr. Greg Gronn, and Fr. David Rowinski served as concelebrants of Holy Mass, all wearing green chasubles along with the Prime Bishop. They, all *in persona Christi*, pronounced the words of Institution together, voices rising and echoing the words of our Savior at the Last Supper. In concelebration, they showed unity in receiving the Body of Christ together and then sharing the Blood of Christ from the chalice.

The liturgy began with procession- the acolytes led the Love of God Sodality and members of the Y.M.S. of R., both those of our local Branch #29 and those in town for the United Y.M.S. of R. Convention. The clergy followed, with the Prime Bishop coming in last.

Parish Financial Secretary Pattie Dotson greeted him at the Sanctuary with the traditional gift of bread and salt after the choir cascaded the traditional hymn of "Witaj, pasterze witaj!", the great welcome of the shepherd of our church.

Holy Mass was celebrated in a high holy fashion, with incensation taking place for the procession, at the Introit, for the Gospel, and during Offertory, where the gifts for the people were incensed as were God's people.

Prime Bishop gave the penance to spend time in prayer concerning our relationship with Almighty God and how that relationship reflects on others. As is appropriate in a Solemn High Mass, he donned the Miter for the Lessons/1st Reading, Psalm, and 2nd Reading as to show his authority as teacher in the church.

He held his pastoral staff, his crozier, for the Gospel to symbolize his role as shepherd. He wore his miter and held his crozier during the homily he delivered as a melding of those roles. His homily touched upon aspects of humility as pertaining to the Gospel, the discipleship we need and that he witnessed with a weekend spent at St. Mary's, and reasons that are in- deed cause for celebration in God's holy church.

Fr. Jason and Prime Bishop Mikovsky distributed the Eucharist to the faithful, the altar servers, quite busy this day, washed all the celebrant's hands. Prime Bishop delivered the Episcopal Blessing, and Fr. Jason shared a few announcements, stressing to worshippers to come downstairs for the celebratory brunch.

Shortly after Mass, the program for the 110th Anniversary began, with Fr. Jason serving as MC and calling upon parish chair Susan Boehnlein to say a few words as well as visiting National United Y.M.S. of R. president Nick Kazinetz. Fr. Jason then acknowledged the active elected leadership of St. Mary's organizations at the 110 year mark. Fr. Greg Gronn offered a blessing over the food and we ate!

Brunch was a potluck that featured many salads, potato dishes, fried chicken, other mains: from empanadas to gołąbki to meatballs, a dessert table, drinks, and a cake. As people were wrapping up their meals, Fr. Jason brought out a couple of jokes and invited Prime Bishop to say a few closing words, which he did with great aplomb.

Thank you to our devoted parishioners and friends, past and present, who brought us to this day. Appreciation for all of those who did great planning, preparing, purchasing, primping, plating, and cleanup for our brunch as well. Let's do it again for 125 in 2040!

NE Seniorate, Western Diocese, Meeting at Holy Cross Parish Hamtramck, MI



On Saturday, September 27, beginning with a 10am Meeting of the Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese at Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI.

We were truly blessed to have a nearly-full representation of all elected representatives from all of our parishes, as well as all of our clergy. Present were: Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski, Administrator of the Western Diocese; Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Administrator of the Northeast Seniorate and pastor of Holy Cross in Hamtramck, MI, & Administrator of Resurrection P.N.C.C. in Temperance, MI; Rev. Jim Ploskonka, visiting priest at All Saints Parish in Sterling Heights, MI; Rev. Henry Galas, pastor of Our Saviour Parish in Dearborn Heights, MI, and Rev. Jason Soltysiak, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Parma, OH.

Rev. Jason Soltysiak

Pet Blessing at St. Mary's Parish Parma, OH



St. Mary's Parish, Parma, Ohio's annual Blessing of Pets and Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi took place on Monday evening at 6pm, October 6. Fr. Jason Soltysiak and Fr. Jim Ploskonka led this service and provided individual blessings to each animal.

Almighty God was praised and the heavens were filled with a joyful noise of curiosity, joy, confusion, and more! We only had dogs present this year, but a healthy and bountiful group of them. Our liturgy begged our prayers for all of God's creatures, but especially our beloved pets.

Rev. Jason Soltysiak

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

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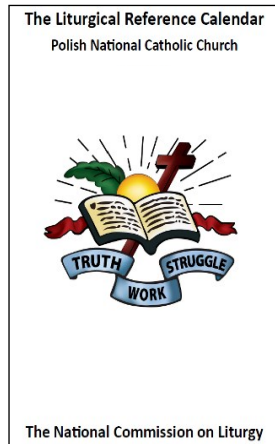
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