

The National Catholic Church of Holy Trinity and Saint Joseph

A Catholic Community that celebrates diversity and whose beliefs are based on the Holy Scripture, Christian Tradition, and Church Ecumenical Synods.



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"Through the years.."

We welcome you and invite you to join our parish family.

Our newsletters contain links to other webpages and videos. These links aren't active from the printed version of the newsletter but are active in the online newsletter found on the **Downloads** page of our website at www.pnccnj.org

Lent & Easter Liturgies Announced

Father Kość announced the following liturgies for Lent and Easter:

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

7 pm - Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes

March 29

9 am - Lenten Reflections and Confessions followed by bagels and pastries in the parish center.

April 5 - Palm Sunday

9 am - English Mass with Blessing of Palms
11 am - Polish Mass with Blessing of Palms

April 9 - Holy Thursday

7 pm - Holy Thursday Liturgy

April 10 - Good Friday

7 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

April 11 - Holy Saturday

11 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy with Blessing of Food.

April 12 - Easter

7 am - Resurrection Mass - Polish
9 am - Holy Mass - English
11 am - High Mass - Polish

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated following the 9 am mass. Bitter Lamentations will be sung following the 11 am mass.

Donations Sought for Heating Expenses

Each winter we appeal to our members to consider a donation to help the parish meet its heating expenses. Your generosity last year was a tremendous help in meeting the heating bill. With this newsletter, we have included an envelope for this purpose. Your donation can be dropped into the Sunday Offering or mailed to our parish c/o Heat Fund.

SUNDAY MASSES:

9:00 am - English
11:00 am - Polish

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Sundays at 10:00 am

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Please provide the pastor with your address to be placed on our mailing list

MARRIAGES:

Please begin to make arrangements at least one year in advance with the pastor.

BAPTISMS:

Please call the pastor's residence for information.

SICK CALLS:

In emergency, at any time. Otherwise arrange with the pastor at least the day before.

CONFESSIONS:

Please arrange with the pastor.

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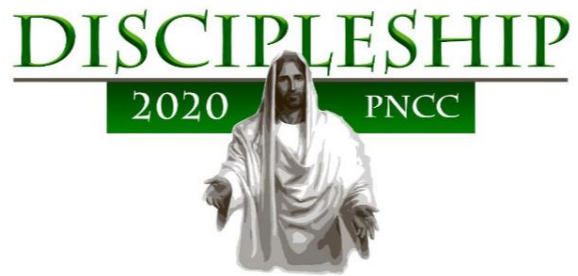
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Praised Be The Name Of Our Lord
Jesus Christ

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During 2020 the Church continues the theme of Discipleship with the purpose to strengthen us in following our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the coming year we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their virtues of discipleship to see what we can learn from them and what from their lives we can apply to our lives.



**JANUARY – JOHN THE BAPTIST:
FORTITUDE, HUMILITY**
Matthew 3:1-17; John 1:15-36, 3:22-30

[Watch the January video by Father Senior Robert Nemkovich.](#)

Reflection Question: John the Baptist called others to repent and prepare for the Lord Jesus. How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?

FEBRUARY – SIMEON AND ANNA IN THE TEMPLE: PIETY, COMPASSION
Luke 2:22-38

Reflection Question: Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and told others in the Temple about Him. Can you come up with 2 practical ways by which you can do the same?

MARCH – MARTHA AND MARY OF BETHANY: PRAYERFULNESS, SERVICE
Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45

Reflection Question: Martha and Mary together give us a balanced model of the aspects of our discipleship. Do you have this same balance of prayer and service in your daily life? What can you do to achieve it?

APRIL – MARY MAGDALENE: FAITHFULNESS, FORTITUDE
Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:33-47; John 20:1-18

Reflection Question: Mary Magdalene was faithful to our Lord even at the foot of the Cross and so Jesus rewarded her with being the first witness to his Resurrection. How can you better follow her example of unconditional faithfulness to Christ in your own life?

MAY – ST. PETER: HUMILITY, TRUST
Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 26:31-35; John 21:1-19

Reflection Question: Peter did not feel worthy to accept the Lord's call and he was right. Yet, he followed, and Jesus used him to boldly proclaim the Gospel to others and to give the greatest witness in his martyrdom. How can you overcome your own sense of unworthiness and embrace God's great plan for you?

JUNE – SAINTS JAMES AND JOHN: SONS OF THUNDER, APOSTLES OF LOVE
Mark 3:13-19; Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 20:20-28

Reflection Question: Jesus taught the "Sons of Thunder" that true honor and greatness come from putting the needs of others before your own and becoming a servant. Do you sometimes do things so that others will see you doing them instead of doing them out of love? How can you better learn the lesson that James and John learned as disciples of Jesus?

[Hear the Prime Bishop's Message on Discipleship.](#)

[PNCC Youth Tell Us to Get On Board With Discipleship.](#)

Keep a Holy Lent

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St. Joseph / Church Anniversary / Corned Beef Dinner Announced

The Annual Parish Corned Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 15 following the 11 AM Mass. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the door. No charge for children and youth 12 and under.

Parish Easter Dinner

The Annual Parish Easter Dinner this year will take place on Sunday, April 19 at noon. The cost of the dinner is only \$15. No charge for children and youth 12 and under.

Annual Parish Membership Meeting

The Parish Council has set Sunday, March 8 for parish members to gather to discuss the mission, finances and the future of our parish. This annual meeting will begin at 10:30 AM. Please plan to attend to critical meeting in the history of our parish.

Sharing Time and Treasure

Well Done Good and Faithful Steward ... Enter into the joy of your Lord

– Matthew 25:21

Time is a most valuable commodity in our very busy lives. We all wish to have more of it. There are so many good things to do and accomplish. But to include a sharing of time for our parish and our faith is vital.

Since our last newsletter, we acknowledge

- Attorney Ellyn Draikiwicz who continues to offer her legal talents to the parish and the Offices of both the Prime Bishop and Diocesan Bishop unselfishly.
- Those who serve the many ministries of our parish: Offering Collectors, Choir Members, Votive Candle Care, Parish Maintenance, Sunday Social Hour and Parish Council.
- To those who changed the lights in the church.
- The many parish members who offered their time and talent to make Pierogi
- Those who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas.
- Władysława Kosc, Marianna Rejterada and Eleanor Shamy for leading the cooking effort for the Christmas dinner and those who assisted during the dinner.
- Warren Downey who supervises the maintenance needs of the parish.
- Those who worked at the Parish Christmas Dinner
- Those who continue to do special things for our parish that go unnoticed.

Treasure for many of us is the hardest gift of all to share, yet it can be the most rewarding when shared properly and when used wisely.

During the past few months, many parish members have shared their treasure with the parish. We especially acknowledge those who week after week contribute their fair share in the Sunday Offering. This month we especially acknowledge:

- Barbara Muccia for her donation of the poinsettias that were placed on the altars for Christmas. This donation was made in memory of her husband, Anthony Muccia, and father, John Sibilski.
- Those who contributed items to the Parish Christmas Dinner.
- Those who re-evaluated and increased their weekly contribution to our parish.
- Those who support the Sunday Social Hour with their donations.
- Those who make financial contributions to our parish that go unnoticed.

Parish Furnace Repairs

We thankfully acknowledge the work of John Kosc who repaired our parish furnaces and his donation of the required blowers. God bless your generosity and talents.

During Lent: Pray + Fast + Give

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Favored Local Businesses That Deserve Our Support

We bring to your attention the generosity of the following businesses that have donated to our parish, offered their service to our parish free of charge or at extreme discounts:

- Atty. Elyn Draikiwicz (our parish member) of the law firm Bourne, Noll & Kenyon - Summit NJ
- Dreyer Farms - Cranford, NJ

Please support these businesses at every opportunity.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Classes

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, February 23 following the 9 a.m. mass. To sign up your children for either program please email Michael Mietlicki at MRMietlicki@icloud.com.

Parish Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues for single members are \$185. For families, it is \$335. These can be paid throughout the year utilizing the parish envelop system. Since most of these dues are targeted to National and Diocesan Church obligations, the parish relies on your Sunday Offering to meet operating expenses. God bless you for your continued generosity.

A Little Humor

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Failures

- Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.
- Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered unpromising.
- Beethoven's music teacher once said of him. "As a composer, he is hopeless."
- When Thomas Edison was a youngster, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything. He was counseled to go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality.
- Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy suffered the same fate.
- Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper because he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."
- Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade.
- Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times – a major league record.

A person may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts to blame someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life, we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us, and lets us know it.

Are You Looking for a Parish Home?

You may be receiving this newsletter as a result of visiting our parish or supporting one of its events. We are a Catholic Community whose beliefs are based on Holy Scripture, Christian Tradition and Church Ecumenical Synods. We are Catholic. We celebrate diversity. If you are looking for a church home, please consider our parish. We strive to be a family to each other: a family whose members seek to see God's presence in their lives, who support each other in life's journey and who strive to reach out in Christ's Name offering love, acceptance and a place of joy to all. Please contact Father Kości for more information.

Lent: A Season of Renewal

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