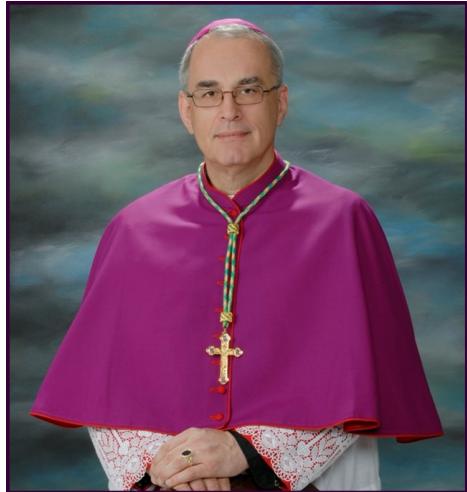


THE MESSENGER

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



My Dear Family Members and Friends of the Eastern Diocese:

We are at the beginning of September, and the fall season. As I write this article it was reported that tonight the temps in northern New Hampshire would drop into the low 30's and the frost warnings were being issued. That means that the leaves will soon be changing and the snows of winter aren't too far away either. Our young people have returned to their schools, the football season begins, the hockey pre-season is here and New England adjusts to the challenges of a new season.

Our Eastern Diocese prepares as well for a new season of opportunities to share the Gospel of our Lord with communities seeking His message of love, redemption and regeneration. In seeking to share this message we fulfill resolutions made at our diocesan synod last year and the opportunity the Autumn gives us to continue the implementation of these resolutions in our societies, parishes, seniorates and the diocese as a whole.

Before looking forward, it's also good to look back at summer to see how much was accomplished for God's glory and the growth and development of our Eastern Diocese. The entirety of this issue of "The Messenger" is devoted to our summer activities. I would simply like to say how excited and proud I am of the many ways our diocese has made the faith come alive. My special wishes also to the faithful of Holy Trinity Parish in Webster and their new administrator, Father Robert Fredrickson. If their first two months together are any indication, I think we can expect good things there.



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On a National level I traveled with the Prime Bishop in June to represent our Polish National Catholic Church at the National Synod of the Polish Catholic Church in Poland with which we are in Communion. It was quite the opportunity to test my Polish language skills and I believe we made a good impression on the clergy and laity present. In July I traveled to Cleveland, OH., to participate in PNCC Bishop's Meeting as well as the Convention and Music Workshop of the National United Choirs of our Church. The end of May I was with our dialogue team in Scranton, PA., for a meeting with representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and July saw our dialogue meeting with Anglican Church in North America representatives at Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, IL.

Now, as we start the Fall, I want to remind all that next year we will be having a national synod hosted by the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese. As our parishes gather and plan for their annual meetings, please keep in mind and that every parish is entitled a delegate for every 50 adult members of the Church. When your annual meetings and elections take place, remember to send a packet containing the agenda, financial reports, election results and all the papers presented to the Diocesan Chancery. This is an obligation of every parish, and a parish committee cannot be seated until it has been approved by the diocesan ordinary (me).

Another aspect of the 2014 synod is the regular review of proposed amendments to our church constitution. These amendments must be submitted six months prior to the beginning date of the synod. Keep this in mind should you desire to propose any amendments.

As far as our diocese goes, I've already begun my visits to the parishes to follow up on the synodal resolutions and how they are being implemented in the local church. So far this year I've met with the parishes of Holy Cross in Central Falls, RI, and Holy Name of Jesus in South Deerfield, MA. The visits to date have been very positive but there are still a number of parishes that have not scheduled a date with me yet. Please Fathers and parish committees, the calendar is filling up quickly.

We also have our Diocesan School of Christian Living Seminar coming up at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in South Deerfield on Saturday, September 21st, our Eastern Diocese Clergy Retreat November 5, 6, and 7 at the Mercy Center in Madison, CT., as well as our Youth Winter Gathering at Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA. on Saturday December 28th. Join these events with parish calendars filled with harvest festivals, dinners, concerts, and all the parish programs that will be coming up and we find ourselves with a very busy Fall season.

Many people will be traveling to this region in the next months to see the beauty and to experience the peace of nature that is our New England heritage. In Scripture we find the words of St. Paul to Timothy, book 1, chapter 2, verses 1 - 4: *"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."* (NAB). I would think this a wonderful pattern to follow and a goal to work towards this Fall season. Imagine if all of us could share with our neighbors and with those who will travel here the true source of love and beauty and peace that is our Christian faith. May you all enjoy a beautiful Autumn and may God grant our Eastern Diocesan family many opportunities to share with others the fullness of our Polish National Catholic faith.

God bless you all.

Paul, Bishop

From our parishes...

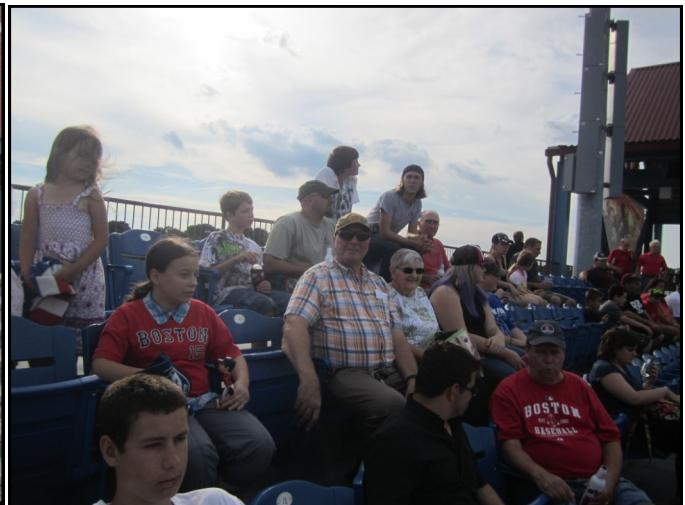
Northeast Seniorate Summer Events: 2013 District 3 Children's Day

On Saturday, June 27, 2013, 27 youth, adults and clergy from across District 3 gathered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island for Children's Day 2013. The festivities began with a cook-out at Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls just a couple of miles from

McCoy Stadium home of the Pawtucket Red Sox. Director Maryann Zarek and PNU Board Members Fr. Sr. Robert Nemkovich and Michael Zarek welcomed everyone and prepared



Group Photo: Those gathered for the cookout at Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI prior to the game



Pawsox Game: Some of the District 3 youth and adults enjoying a Pawtucket Red Sox game at McCoy Stadium.

the hot dogs, hamburgers and kielbasa. The youth had a great time playing and enjoying the beautiful summer day. After everyone had enjoyed the cookout it was off to McCoy Stadium where our youth and adults had a great time and were lead in many different and unique chants by Tom Zarek. Unfortunately the Red Sox lost to the Iron Ogsbut all had a wonderful time. Thanks are given to the officers od District 3 for planning this annual event for the youth of the district and to Holy Cross Parish for opening their doors for a great cookout. Go Sox!

Polish National Union District 3 Meeting

A meeting of District 3 of the Polish National Union was held at Camp Howe, Goshen, MA, On August 21, 2013 at 1:30 pm. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski offered the opening prayer. Maryann Zarek, Director presided. The Secretary's report was accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted by those in attendance. The meeting focused on the urgent need for branch secretaries. It was good to have many Clergy from the Eastern Diocese present. A discussion followed regarding recruiting branch secretaries from their parishes. District 3 continues to strive to have a good base for the Polish National Union.

Bishop Paul Sobiechowski attended and offered his suggestions. Some ideas discussed were to hold Children's Day at Six Flags in Agawam, MA. This outing would bring the youth and adults together from the Eastern Diocese for fellowship. Fr. Sr. Joseph Krusinski suggested that we hold a Golf Tournament to help raise funds for District 3. Maryann suggested having a turkey raffle as a fundraiser. After a discussion it was decided to have a turkey raffle to be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 after Mass. Fr. Sr. Rob and Maryann will prepare the raffle tickets. Maryann informed the group that Kathy Nemkovich has prepared information about the PNU which can be placed In Church bulletins, brochures, etc. This information will be sent to all priests in the church. The next meeting will be a teleconference on December 2, 2013 at 7:30 pm.



By Fr. Sr. Robert. M. Nemkovich

From our parishes...

Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River

PARISH CAR WASH, BANKFIVE, ONE FUND AND FOOD DRIVE

Our parish as a part of our diocesan family held a special collection to benefit the One Fund and help victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing on Patriot's day. Our parish collected nearly \$400 and was the largest donor in the diocese.

As a continued part of our outreach to the community during June a special food drive was held to benefit the Citizens for Citizens food pantry. Yet again when the food was delivered—they were able to take down the “food pantry closed” sign. What a good effort.

On Saturday June 22nd our parish held a car wash. This event was sponsored by our bank—BankFive. BankFive donated \$200 to the work and efforts of our parish and this event was organized by one of their branch managers and our parishioner—Tracey Medeiros. \$700 was raised for the ministry of our parish .



ALTAR SERVER INSTALLATION

On Sunday June 16th, prior to Holy Mass Fr. Sr. Rob installed the altar servers at Blessed Trinity. This is a new rite prepared by the National Liturgical Commission. Peyton, just back from Alaska, began serving at the altar for her first time this Sunday as well. Following the prayers and blessing the Altar servers were presented with special crosses that they will wear as they serve at the Table of our Lord. Thanks are given to our altar servers who do an excellent job assisting during the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. We are blessed to currently have seven serving at the Altar.



SUMMER CLAM BOIL - ANOTHER SUCCESS OUR 6TH STRAIGHT SELL OUT!

On Sunday, August 11 more than 150 folks gathered for our annual summer Clam Boil. Again the parish hall was filled to capacity. We are grateful for the support of so many friends of the parish. A special thanks to Tom and his great kitchen crew as well as our parish youth who helped out and made everything run so smoothly!



PARISH HOSTS 3RD RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THIS YEAR



Our parish hosted the third American Red Cross Blood Drive this year on Tuesday, August 13th. Several parishioners from the parish made time to give the gift of life and we are very appreciative of it. The next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, November 26th from 2 pm to 7 pm. Please save the date and donate.

FALL RIVER POLICE DRUG PRESENTATION

August 27 saw the Fall River Police Department making a drug presentation at our parish for the local neighborhood folks. A variety of new packaging methods and new street drugs including "molly" were shown to the group. Things to look for were also shared in hopes of making our city drug-free.

By Fr. Sr. Robert M. Nemkovich



From our parishes...

Our Saviour Parish in Woonsocket, RI Annual Parish Potluck Picnic

On September 8, 2013 at noon, the parishioners at Our Saviour's Parish, Woonsocket, held their Parish Potluck Picnic. All parishioners, friends, and community were welcomed to join us on the beautiful day!



Father Henryk led the organizers, who had various responsibilities of publicity, organizing pamphlets for visitors, games, and of course the food, which there



was plenty of for everyone. We had lasagna, golambki, bigos, beef brisket, and a giant pizza, plus lots of sweets and fruit followed and were enjoyed. No one went home hungry from the picnic! And we also had a special addition to our day with a visit from Bishop Paul and Karen.

There were some activities as well, including a bouncy house castle, which was a blast. Some adults even were brave enough to try it! Renata Wos and Kristen Bibeault were doing face painting, and Tom Forbes ran games throughout the day. All had fun with water balloon games, doughnut eating contest, and the sponge race, where two teams raced against each other taking water filled sponges, and running to buckets to squeeze them out. Bishop sat out of the sponge game because we could not guarantee that he would stay dry, but he certainly enjoyed watching.



That was probably a good idea, because Lonnie was getting a little dangerous with the hose towards the end.

Father Henryk gave some tours of the church, and discussed with visitors our School of Christian Living program.

Everyone had young children with them, which was even more encouraging to the future of our church. We had



some return visitors who are members of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton.

The couple was visiting their daughter and her family, who live in a nearby town.



They had just planned on attending church in the morning, but then saw signs for our picnic and joined us. The highlight of the visit was when he said to me '*When we came here today, to your parish and this picnic, we were treated like we had been part of your parish family for many years.*' I do not think anything more kindhearted could have been said on that day, the Solemnity of Brotherly Love.

By Sally Watson

Justyna Pietrus from Woonsocket on the winner rostrum

This Labor Day weekend, the youth and the young of heart of the PNCC got together in Scranton, Pennsylvania to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the annual YMS of Polish National Catholic Church track



meet. Participants from the different dioceses competed in many track and field events, beginning with the "Złot", a road race through the hilly streets of Scranton and followed by many running events, jumps, throws, and relays.

Justyna Pietrus represented the Woonsocket parish and the Eastern Diocese by winning first place in the 100 meter dash, the 400 meter dash, and the shot put and second place in the Złot road race. In addition, she crossed the line first as the anchor leg of a 4x400 meter relay team.

The track meet is a fantastic way for members of the church, especially the youth, to participate in a day of worship and friendly competition while making friends from different dioceses. The event is always looking for more participants, and is a great way to close out the summer with your church!



From our parishes...

St Joseph's of Stratford Parish, CT

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

It has been a few years since the Southwest Seniorate parishes gathered together to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. However, this year was different as St Joseph's was to host a Mass and procession Eucharistic on Sunday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm. There are 8 parishes with 6 full time pastors in the Seniorate.

Unfortunately, with attendance of just three clergy (Fr. Sen Krusienski, Fr. Smolinski - the homilist for the occasion - and the host Fr. Gitner), about 30 parishioners and 3 visitors, it was kind of an embarrassing afternoon. One would think that our Lord deserves better. After all, the Real Presence in the Eucharist is the essential aspect of our Catholic faith that sets up apart from any other religious group or denomination. The youth of the parish with the help of their Moms prepared an Italian style supper, and were ready for at least 70 people, which should be the case bearing in mind that invitations were sent to all parishes! One can only hope that if the tradition of celebrating Corpus Christi at a Seniorate level is to continue, the attendance will somehow improve.



Youth Mass

On the last Sunday of August, in observance of the PNCC liturgical calendar, the youth at St Joseph's celebrated their Youth Mass. The youngest ones (Julia, Bryana, Ben, Danika and Jessamyn) formed a mini choir, and led the congregation in singing greatly uplifting children songs. Not having a chance for a proper rehearsal, the music and lyrics where emailed to them, they practiced at home, and on the day just came together and sung as only children can, without fear.



The music was played from the computer, and that was a timely reminder that today, when it is so difficult to find a capable organist or musicians, technology might be the answer

(thank you Sarah for your perfect DJ's job). The Word of God proclaimed by Emily, James and Abby took up the collection and Charlie served at the altar.



By Fr. Michal Gitner

From our parishes...

Summer Concert - St. Valentine's Parish, Northampton, MA



On Sunday, August 25, 2013, St. Valentine's Parish hosted a benefit concert entitled: "A Tribute to the American Songbook" featuring Lisa Woods, Mezzo Soprano, Teri LaFleur, Soprano with Jerry Noble, Pianist and Bob Sparkman, Jazz Clarinetist who are very well known in Central and



The two hour concert was very well attended by community members throughout the Pioneer Valley. Also attending was Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, PNCC and his wife Karen.

The first half of the two hour performance featured Lisa and Teri singing songs such as "Play a Simple Melody", "A Sleepin' Bee", My Melody of Love (Polish), "My Heart Belongs to Daddy". Opening the second half, Jerry and Bob played selections from "Fats Waller and Friends". Lisa and Teri came back

on stage to sing "They Can't Take that Away from Me", "Singin' in the Rain", "Just One of Those Things", "You're the Top" just to name a few. They finished with a beautiful

hymn "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You". It was truly a wonderful selection of music.

The concert goers were treated during intermission to punch and cookies in the Parish Hall. Many of those attending commented "the concert was spectacular". Lisa, Jerry and Teri will return to St. Valentine's Parish for its Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 5th. Please make plans to join us!

From our parishes...

Holy Cross Parish in Ware, MA

The 85th anniversary of the organization of Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA took place on Sunday, May 19th with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00am celebrated by Fr. Sr. Fryderyk S. Banas, pastor, assisted by Fr. Robert Koerber. The anniversary Word of God was presented by Father Senior Banas.

At 1:00 pm a catered dinner was served in the church hall followed by an anniversary program. Francis Trzepacz, parish committee chairman, extended a word of welcome followed by the singing of the American and Polish anthems. Master of ceremonies was Wayne Masse. The invocation was offered by Fr. Koerber after which dinner was served.

The program consisted of introducing the head table and all guests in attendance. Father Senior Banas recognized the children of the organizers who were present, with Lisa Socha and Wayne Masse presenting each lady with a corsage and each man with a boutonniere. Nathaniel Masse presented a paper on "The Meaning of our Church Hymn" "Through the Years unto Thee, O Lord. A moment of silence was observed to honor all deceased organizers and parishioners of the parish.

The principal Anniversary Message was given by Fr. Randolph Calvo which was most informative, inspirational and uplifting. The old favorite Polish song: "Jak szybko mijaja chwile" "How quickly flies every moment" was sung in Polish and English with tremendous enthusiasm and satisfaction by all attendees. Closing remarks were made by Father Senior Banas after which the church hymn "Tyle Lat My Ci, O Panie" "Through the years unto Thee, O lord" was sung. The concluded the 85th anniversary celebration.

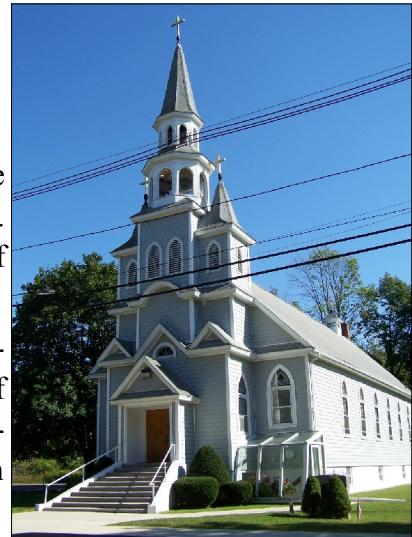
PARISH GRADUATES! Four youth of the parish graduated from three local high schools. Jessica Wyman graduated from Ware High School and is attending Holyoke Community College with a dual enrollment having already one year of college earned in her senior year in high school. Caitlin Socha graduated from Ware High School undetermined of which college she would be attending in the near future; Danielle St. Pierre graduated from Quabbin High School in Hardwick and is a student at Westfield State University in Westfield; Michael Rivers graduated from the White Oak School in Westfield and has entered the Mass. Maritime Academy in Bourne, MA.

The Annual Polish Picnic was held on the church grounds on Sunday, August 11, 2013 from noon to 5:00pm. Receipts of food purchases by attendees gave a total of 350 participants. The traditional Polish fare was available all afternoon as well as several booths with gifts to be won.

A cash drawing took place at 4:00pm. The day was gorgeous and the attendance terrific. Many, many friends of the parish in Ware and surrounding areas were present. Several members of the Westfield, South Deerfield and Chicopee parishes supported this endeavor as in past years. Clergy present: Fr. Randolph Calvo, Fr. Pawel Lukaszewicz, Fr. Robert Koerber, Fr. Peter Calik, assistant pastor at St. Mary's Polish R. C. Church, Ware, and host pastor, Fr. Sr. Banas. New light weight vestments, green and white chasubles, surplice and alb, were a gift from Phyllis Uzendowski in memory of Parents, Michael and Aniela Majka, co-organizers of the parish, and John Uzendowski, Husband of the donor.

Preparations for the annual Holiday Bazaar and Raffola are being made and scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2013 from noon to 5:00pm in the church hall. The Raffola is gigantic with at least 125 cash prizes donated by Parishioners, Business people and Friends. Polish food, a tremendously popular seller, will be offered, as well as booths with handicraft items, filled baskets, This and That, straw game, etc.

By Fr. Sr. Fryderyk Banas



From our parishes...

Holy Name of Jesus in South Deerfield, MA

Chicken Barbeque

Holy Name of Jesus' annual Chicken Barbecue was held on Sunday, August 18th, at the Hatfield, MA, Lion's Club Pavilion. It was a beautiful day for the event. This event is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of about 50 parishioners and friends who begin planning for this event in March. We cannot thank them all enough.

Early in the morning the crew arrives at the site to start the charcoal, set the tables, and prepare the food. Our barbecue has been growing in size over the past several years. This year we served 375 dinners and an additional 99 people bought tickets to just hear the polka band. That is a lot of chicken and fixins!

The barbecue is served from noon until 1pm. The volunteers have their jobs down to a science and in no time flat everyone is fed and enjoying their meal. After the barbecue, the crowd then enjoys the music of Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men Polka Band. Once again this year they were named "Favorite Instrumental Band" by the



Volunteers shucking all of the ears of fresh, donated corn

International Polka Association. They play all afternoon from 1 – 5:00pm for the dancing and listening pleasure of everyone attending.

While the band is playing, we also have a couple of activities



Dennis Polisky and the Maestro's Men Polka Band

going on for the children. Almost every child goes home looking a bit different than when they arrived ...



We are also treated to a very professional puppet show headed up by our own Matthew Dibrindisi. Matthew gets the whole family into the act and as Matthew says, "We start planning next year's performance the day after the barbecue."

Another crowd favorite at the barbecue is the raffle. A 50/50 raffle is conducted, along with a cash raffle and a basket raffle. There are many wonderful prizes donated each year by our parishioners and then Paradise City Gift Baskets puts them together in a most appealing way.



Children lining up to pull the raffle tickets

We thank everyone who helped to make our barbecue possible, and we thank everyone who came by to spend the afternoon together enjoying good food and good music.



The young and young-at-heart gathering for the first of two puppet shows.

This is an important fundraiser for our parish, but just as important, the barbecue gives us all from Holy Name, local parishes, neighbors and friends the chance to spend time together making memories of a beautiful summer's afternoon.

If you would like to attend our next Chicken Barbecue, it will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014. The Maestro's Men Band already has us on their calendar. Hope to see you there so that you can enjoy all the fun with us too.

From our parishes...

St. John the Baptist, Manchester, CT

Fr. Henry Smolinski Installed as the pastor of St. John's the Baptist Church

Father Henry Smolinski, [since 3/31/2010] administrator of the Polish National Catholic Church of St. John the Baptizer, at 23 Golway St., Manchester, was installed as the parish's Pastor on

Saturday June 22. Father Henry (shown in his red vestments in the photo above) was installed by Very Rev. Joseph Krusienski, pastor of the PNC church in Plantsville, and Senior Priest of the Southwest Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. Other PNCC clergy present for the Installation and Mass were: Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski [bishop of the Eastern Diocese], Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas (pastor in Ware, MA), Rev. Zbigniew S. Kaszubski (former pastor of St. John's), Rev. Michael Gitner (pastor in Stratford), and Rev. Adam Czarnecki (pastor in Northampton, MA).

Other ecumenical clergy present (also shown in photo above) were: Bishop William Manseau (head of St. Barnabas' Mission, Tewksbury, MA), Rev. Michael Donnelly (pastor of Compassionate Ministries in Andover, CT), Rev. Leo McIlrath (chaplain of the Lutheran Rehab Center in Sandy Hook, CT), and Father Joseph Looney (pastor of Nativity RC Church, Bethlehem, CT).



After the Installation a catered Polish dinner was served to all present in the church hall. Parish Chairman Joseph Bednarz welcomed our bishop and all the clergy and guests. Father Sr. Banas prayed the Grace before the banquet. After dinner Bishop Paul spoke about the significance of the Installation and encouraged all parishioners to work with Father Henry, especially in implementing the Resolutions of the recent Diocesan Synod. The parish website is www.saintjohnspncc.com where parish activities are listed and photos posted.



St. John's PNC Church Hosts Neighborhood Barbeque

Sunday Aug.18 after its 10:30 am Parish Mass, members of St. John's, led by its organist and parish chef Neal Narkon, put on a large delicious barbeque brunch for the parish and neighborhood. Special guests were some 20 members of Joy Temple, a congregation of Ghanaian Christians who worship across the street from St. John's Sunday mornings.

Father Henry Smolinski, pastor of St. John's pushed the idea of this end-of-summer community outreach event, based on the success of last year's successful barbecue in July. He spoke with Pastor Kofi Obeng of Joy Temple over several months, planning the inclusion of the Ghanaian congregants with some of their native African dishes. In turn Joy Temple has invited St. John's to share in their end-of-summer picnic in Wickham Park, Manchester, the Saturday before Labor Day.

Father Henry and Pastor Kofi, together with their lay leaders, are planning future food-socials that will reach out to more of the elderly and young families of the neighborhood.



Some Ghanaians & Neal and Fr. Henry dining with some Falkowskis outside



Chuck Pike & Henry Dekker with Neal in SJB hall, waiting to try the buffet table.

From our parishes...

Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA

There is a lot of activity taking place these days in Webster. The celebration of the Mass has been moved to Sunday mornings at 10:00 am and Wednesday at 8:00 am and all Holy Days of Obligation. "In

just a few short weeks we are already experiencing an increase in attendance", says Fr. Robert Fredrickson, Administrator of Holy Trinity. He also said, "The time change has brought back a few people who enjoy going to church on Sunday. However, a lot of work in making the parish visible to the community has made a difference." A new "welcome sign" was placed in front of the church and community events like tag sales and ice cream socials have also helped.

Fr. Robert also approached the Webster Fire Department about being their Chaplain. The Department's Chaplain had retired and so a door was opened and Fr. Robert was recently appointed as Webster's Fire Department Chaplain. In July he participated as one of the Honor Guard's for a Veteran who was laid to rest at the cemetery. This provided an introduction to the Veterans in town. Fr. Robert is a veteran and was invited to submit

his application to be a part of the American Legions.

In July the parish gathered for a picnic which was held at the properties of Anna Gabor on Haden Pond in



Dudley, MA. Anna is a long time member of the parish and currently secretary for the committee. The day was filled with activities and lots of food. Swimming and boating was available for anyone who enjoys the water. Even a friendly game of cards took place. There were children, grand children and great children running around enjoying the beautiful setting.



August was a time of preparation for Holy Trinity's Tag Sale. They used this as spring board to reach out into the community. An "Ice Cream Social" was incorporated into the day which included; fresh popcorn, hot dogs, ice cream and even a DJ.

The highlight of the day was having Webster's very own Fire Department represented on Holy Trinity's property. Joe Elderkin a Fire Fighter with Webster brought "FORESTRY 1" along with some junior fire hats.



The kids (and some adults) enjoyed sitting in the truck blowing the siren and turning the lights on. We had a wonderful turnout and enjoyed getting to know more of Webster's community.



Also in August, we began offering the Liturgy of the Hour at 8:00 am on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's. "We have only had one day with no attendance", says Fr. Robert.

What is important is the CHURCH DOORS ARE OPEN. People driving by have noticed this and have even attended. We are making every effort to bring the Church to the community rather than expecting the community to come to the Church", says Fr. Robert. The parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish have enjoyed and welcomed the activity and look forward to what is ahead.

Already they have a Concert and Harvest Dinner scheduled for October 19th. The Pulaski Brass Band will be entering them attendees from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm followed by the Harvest Dinner. More information will be sent out regarding this activity.

From our parishes...

Divine Providence Parish, Norwich, CT

Summer Youth Activities of the Divine Providence Parish

The last three months were successful ones for youth of the Divine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT. Though summer vacation, the Morningstar (*Jutrzenka*) Youth Band continued to work hard, rehearsing every Saturday morning. In addition to playing a song during Communion each Sunday, *Jutrzenka* provided the music for Contemporary Masses every other week. They are a constantly active young group of people, who kept busy this summer by learning new songs from the Blue Hymnal (*Śpiewnik*) and performing in several places. *Jutrzenka* is a strong, dedicated team, currently guided by parents Ilia Chavez and Ela



Chmielewska. Wendy Barrett, who helped organize and lead the band in their first year, unfortunately had a conflicting schedule, though her previous work is appreciated and her musical spirit is still present.

In June, the youth band was invited to play at the Acolyte Retreat held in St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA. "It's an honor for us to play at Bp. Paul Sobiechowski's Mass," says *Jutrzenka*. This event introduced our songs to the larger Church. Special thanks to Fr. Rogalski, Mrs. Val Graley, Mrs. Debbie Schober and Mrs. Ela Chmielewska for bringing the children and equipment. The Rogalski/Chmielewski

family of our youth participated in the Worship Service at the Cathedral of the Pines in the aftermath of the Boston Bombing and Sandy Hook Massacre. It was a very moving service.

With the help of parents Ilia Chavez and Ela Chmielewska, the band put together a program of gospel songs, classical solo pieces, short readings and prayers for St. Jude Common in Norwich on July 14. Our Deacon Chet Stafford was there at the time. In addition, the band wore their new T-shirts they created. It was a pleasure to play for elders and see their smiling faces. Those who attended loved the performance, *Jutrzenka* was asked to come again many times.

For *Jutrzenka*'s 1st Anniversary, the band celebrated by spending a day at Misquamicut State Beach in Westerly, RI. Special thanks to Mrs. Beverly Korenkiewicz, Mrs. Lennie Marion, Mrs. Susan Nadeau and Mrs. Ela Chmielewska. The day was full of high-spirits, warm sunshine, and big waves.

Five band members were campers at our 40th Annual Diocesan Youth Retreat at Camp Howe. On Thursday early morning 3 more joined us for the 7:45am Mass. *Jutrzenka* shared new learned hymns, playing in collaboration with organist Michael Sittard of Westfield. Special thanks to Rick Siemietkowski, Jerry and Judy Donat, and Fr. Chris for bringing the equipment. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Donat brought tasty munchkins for all the campers. A big thank you to Chairperson/Organist Lee Szcuba for helping the band prepare for this event.

It was an exciting summer for the band. Praising God through singing and playing is engaging and spiritually uplifting. *Jutrzenka* is growing, and so is their audience.

From our parishes...

St. Joseph in Westfield, MA Annual Harvest Festival (Dozynki)

On Sunday September 8, St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield celebrated their annual Harvest Festival or Dozynki. The day began at noon with various games. The Parish Committee had a money wheel, numbers game and straw game. The Altar guild had their own game and the Dozynki dancers ran a penny toss. Adults and children enjoyed trying their luck at winning various prizes. The kitchen was busy serving meals to eat in or take out. Polish plates were available with golombki, pierogi, rye bread, kielbasa, kapusta, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers with fried onions and peppers or sauerkraut. The dessert table was serving many yummy pastries along with healthy options of fresh fruit. At 2pm the program began with the carrying of the Harvest wreath which had been blessed at the morning 8am Mass. With adults and chil-



dren dressed in their Polish costumes, the crowd packed into the social center to enjoy the singing and dancing. Father Joe had difficulty finding singers but he managed to round up a wonderful group. Overseen by church member Carol Ruzsala and taught this year by Nicole Ruzsala and Lauren Sittard, the Dozynki dance troop performed extremely well. A new dance was performed by the youngest members which was highly enjoyable and got lots of applause. This was immediately followed by what has become known by some as the "Big Girl Dance" which was performed by the older members of the group and showed off their skills. Kudos to all the performers. Many guests and parishioners were on the dance floor in the afternoon doing a polka or just dancing to the music of the live polka band. As the day wrapped up, the winners of the raffle were picked. This year there were 27 different raffle prizes/baskets thanks to the donations of our parishioners. We send out a special thank you to all those who donated to the raffle as well as all the people that came and purchased raffle tickets. St. Joseph's grocery bags were dispensed as a token of appreciation. We were truly blessed to be visited by so many surrounding clergy members and parishioners including Bishop Paul and his wife. We were also excited to see so many new faces this year including a lot of children which always makes the day extra special. Many of the youngsters were happy to receive a beaded necklace and bracelet set hand made by parishioner Dorothy Luczak. Of course none of this would have been possible without all the support and helping hands of the Parish committee and many of the parish members. Thanks to you all and hope to see everyone back again next year!

By Kelly Burek

Diocesan Events and Programs:

Cathedral of the Pines 2013

PNC clergy and faithful from nine parishes of the Eastern Diocese gathered for the annual worship service at Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH, on Sunday, July 7. This year's prayers were in honor of

first responders and in memory of those lives lost in the Sandy Hook School shooting (Dec. 2012) and the Boston Marathon bombing (April 2013). Larry Gagnon, a parishioner of Holy Trinity Cathedral and long-time volunteer at the Marathon gave his perspective as an eyewitness to the events of April 14. He stated that "though evil was present on that day, the face of God was also present" in the many acts of selfless bravery and compassion of first responders and volunteers alike.



Father Robert Fredrickson, newly-appointed administrator of Holy Trinity PNCC, Webster, MA, was the homilist. He shared personal experiences of being called as a police chaplain to respond in the face of tragedy, and he reminded us that all Christians have a calling to serve in Christ's strength, in times like these.

Choir members from Plantsville and Norwich, CT, Lowell and Webster, MA, Manchester, NH, and Woonsocket, RI, accompanied by Karen Sobiechowski, led the singing for the service.



Joey Grieve of Lowell, MA, sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth," in keeping with the theme of God as the Giver of peace and One in Whom we trust. Special "Boston Strong" lapel pins were distributed to all present, and a collection was received for One-Fund Boston.

Afterwards, many of those present enjoyed a delicious chicken barbecue at the Hidden Hills Banquet facility. Special thanks to Father Gitner who prepared the worship service, Father Senior Soltysiak who organized the readers and made arrangements

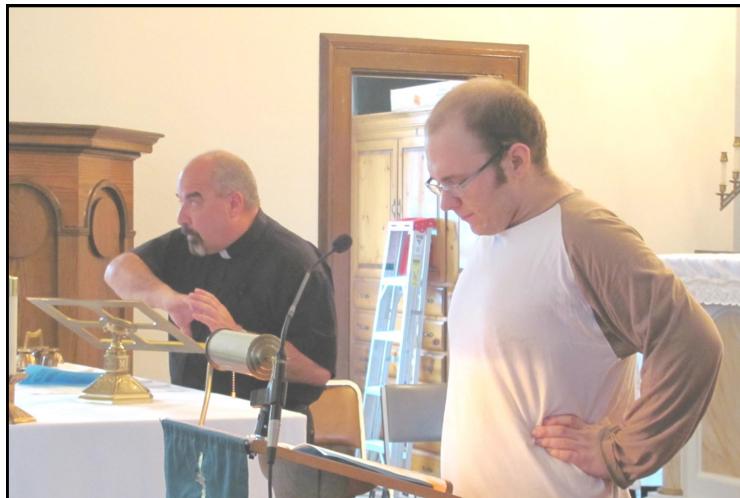
for the dinner, and for all clergy and faithful who took part in this annual event.

By Karen Sobiechowski

2013 Eastern Diocese Acolyte Retreat

Saturday, June 8, 2013 saw the second annual Eastern Diocese Acolyte Retreat. On a beautiful summer day more than 50 altar servers, adults, clergy with our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, gathered at St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, Massachusetts.

The retreat began with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul. The clergy present from the diocese con-celebrated. Nick Soltysiak and Eric & Cliff Nemkovich served for the Mass and also proclaimed the reading and intercessions. Fr. Sr. Rob Nem-kovich, proclaimed the Gospel. Bishop Paul preached about the importance of service to God and His Holy Church by always living their lives with faith in Christ Jesus. "Morning Star" a band comprised of youth from Divine Providence Parish in Norwich CT offered the music for this Holy Mass and they did a great job !! Following a group photo some enjoyed a quick donut before it was time for our sessions.



Fr. Sr. Joe Soltysiak and Nick Soltysiak presented the first session of the day on how to serve during the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. Fr. Sr. Joe revised a booklet entitled "The Acolyte Manual" and all of the servers present received a copy. This booklet covered preparations before Mass, posture while serving, lighting the candles, wine and water, bells, assisting during the distribution of Holy Communion, duties at the end of Mass and where to find the various items needed during the Liturgy.

Our altar servers, adults and clergy then gathered in the Church under-croft for the next presentation given by Fr. Robert Frederick-son. Fr. Robert stressed to the altar servers the importance of having Christ at the center of their lives and what a great privilege and honor it is to serve at the Lord's Table for the Holy Mass. Fr. Robert even brought in a couple of magic tricks to show how much more meaningful their lives would be with the presence of our Lord at the center.



The Altar servers then were treated to a great cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers off the grill. Thanks are given to our two outstanding grill masters—Cliff Lajewski and Lyman Barnett. Watermelon and cookies were enjoyed for desert before the youth took a few minutes to soak up the sun and enjoy a beautiful early summer day.



There was no rest for the weary during this retreat as our servers gathered for a presentation by Fr. Chris Rogalski and the "Morning Star" youth band from Di-vine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT. Even though they played for Mass—they with Fr. Chris preformed again and showed how we can come together in so many different ways to give praise, honor and glory to Almighty God.

After the youth from Norwich sang for us and invited us to join them, the five altar servers from Holy Mother of the Rosary in Chicopee, MA sang praises to God as well.

The altar servers then traveled to the boys and girls club of Westfield for an after-noon of time in the pool. They had a great time. Thanks is given to our host pastor, Fr. Sr. Joe .



**By Fr. Senior
Robert M. Nemkovich**

Altar servers, clergy and adults from the diocese gather in Westfield, MA

Through the years

The 40th Annual Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat

103 youth, adults and clergy from 11 parishes across the Eastern Diocese gathered at Camp Howe in Goshen, Massachusetts for our 40th annual Youth Retreat during one of the most beautiful and comfortable weeks of the summer! The retreat began with a prayer service on Sunday, August 18, 2013. The theme for the retreat was “**Through The Years**” After the American, PNCC and youth retreat flags were raised everyone gathered in the new rec hall for the opening session led by Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich. Thirty Alumni from youth retreats from the 1970’s, 1980’s, 1990’s and 2000’s were welcomed to our Camp Reunion Night. Fr. Rob prepared and showed a PowerPoint of photos from the Eastern Diocesan Youth Retreats of years past. Laughs and memories were shared and it was inspiring to see the effect our diocesan youth retreat program has had on the lives of so many who are now adults and who enjoyed the weeks spent with their friends in the faith. A commemorative water bottle was given to all present.

Fr. Sr. Rob presented Mike and Maryann Zarek a plaque signed by all the youth thanking them for their years of love and service to our youth retreat program. Cards were signed for Bishop Thomas and Katherine Gnat and Prime Bishop Robert & Florence Nemkovich thanking them for their years of dedicated service to our youth retreat program.

Joanne Oliveira and Fr. Randy Calvo presented Fr. Rob a crystal recognition award for attendance at all 40 diocesan youth retreats and especially for leading the last 17 retreats as the diocesan youth chaplain. Greetings were read from both Bishop & Katherine Gnat and Prime Bishop & Florence Nemkovich. Fr. Calvo led the youth in evening prayer. The younger kids went to bed and the older youth enjoyed time around the camp fire.

Monday began with the celebration of Holy Mass celebrated by our youth chaplain Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich. During the Mass □ Jason Fairclough was remembered in prayer (it was ten years ago that he lost his life as he traveled home from our youth retreat). Fr. Jason Soltysiak, a past retreat alumni, offered the sermon telling the youth to continue to live their lives in the faith of Jesus that they learn during these retreats. After breakfast, the first session on our retreat theme was given. A session was held on each stanza of the Hymn of the PNCC “Through the Years”. Fr. Sr. Joe Soltysiak gave a presentation on the First stanza. Fr. Sr. Joe highlighted the decades of faithful service generations of Polish National Catholic had given to Christ through our PNCC, celebrating the freedom that is cherished within our Holy Church.. Following the session, the youth colored their 2013 Youth Retreat tee shirts. This year the shirt on the back had a list of all 40 diocesan youth retreats.

Next, Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky gave his session on the second stanza of the Hymn of the PNCC. Prime Bishop gave an overview of the entire hymn and illustrating to the youth our Church history contained in this hymn written by Bishop Hodur.



He then focused on "Unto Thee We Built A Temple" teaching the youth what a treasury we have in our PNCC. The youth used their Bibles to look up various events from Scripture and rewrote them as they would either text or tweet today. The activity was just awesome #swag.

After our camp lunch our participants enjoyed an afternoon of free time. First through we were treated to a show by Gallagher (aka Sr. Joe Soltysiak) who smashed watermelon after watermelon after watermelon—making up from last year when he was on the Injured List.

There were many who ventured up the 45 foot high climbing wall – great job to so many who made the wall look like climbing a ladder. There was time for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, climbing and jumping off space mountain, archery, arts and crafts, four-square and much more. The annual football game was held and ended with a 49 to 42 victory by Fr. Jason's Team over his brother Drew's team. Fr. Jason had a couple of picks too! Mike Zarek and his world famous country store was opened for business immediately following dinner and the youth enjoyed their snacks as always! "Christ Himself speaks from its altars" was the next session that was delivered by Fr. Michal Gitner. Fr. Michal had the youth build an altar out of stone and taught them the importance of encountering Christ at the altar, especially meeting Christ in the Eucharist. The session ended with the hymn: "We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life, and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God". In following our theme Fr. Sr. Rob then presented a PowerPoint on the History of our PNCC and teaching the youth about the Union of Scranton that has now emerged. This presentation was followed by a game focusing on the history of our PNCC "Through the Years". Following evening prayer led by Fr. Sr. Joe Soltysiak, the youth enjoyed time around the camp fire.

Tuesday began with morning prayer celebrated by Fr. Sr. Soltysiak. Fr. Randolph Rudolph Joshua Calvo presented his session "Now again He comes from heaven". Fr. Randy taught the youth about how poor the organizers of our PNCC were—showing children camp age who were almost slave labor in the



mines of northeast PA. He challenged the youth that they need to work to make a difference and fight for the equality of all of God's children. The outstanding Camp Howe staff led Team Building activities with our retreat participants teaching them the importance of working together and trusting one another to achieve certain goals.

The afternoon was once again spent with free time and the youth enjoying the high ropes course at Camp Howe. There was also time for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, arts and crafts, four-square and much more. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski presented his session "When in doubt by Him we are strengthened". Bishop Paul focused on the struggles of Elijah and St. Patrick as examples of being strengthened by God when difficult times arose that caused them to doubt. Bishop did interject a clip from Veggie Tales and found a way to be consistent and surpass his allotted time. The youth responded by leaving him a message on his saran wrapped car the next morning saying : "Bishop Paul Way Too Long!" Christian Olympics followed where the campers were broken up into two ages groups and competed against one another in showing love and fairness. The youth then enjoyed the conclusion of the 2013 retreat video—Jesus Christ Superstar. The catchy songs from the musical were heard sung by many with many differing versions for the rest of the retreat.



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Fr. Sr. Joe Krusinski led the annual candlelight service under the starlight. All could feel the presence and power of the Spirit during this sacred time. After our prayer and meditation, the youth enjoyed time at the campfire and there was some star gazing as well.

Wednesday began with Fr. Randy celebrating Morning Prayer. The morning session "He pours new life into our souls" was given by Fr. Henryk Wos. Fr. Henryk spoke to the youth about the importance of contrition and that we need be continually refined as we grow in our faith, love and service to Christ and His Holy Church.

Following this session our youth piled into cars and the bus and went off to a rock climbing gym. The youth had a great time climbing walls ranging from 15 feet to nearly 50. Fr. Randy could be seen climbing the short wall—our younger more in shape campers made it up the much higher and harder walls. Following a good hour of climbing they returned to camp just in time for lunch. The afternoon was spent in free time where the high ropes, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, arts and crafts and four-square were bustling. The annual kick ball game saw Fr. Randy's Hippies team finally beating Carl Sittard's Comrades 7 to 4. After homemade Pizza, our National Youth Chaplain Bishop Stanley Bilinski arrived for his session "Through the storms of life He guides us," Bishop Stanley focused on the pressures our youth have and will continue to face.

He reminded them as they are going those difficult situations Christ will always be there for them. The session ended with a great song on Love from 1 John where everyone was clapping and even some chaperones got into the groove!!!

Next each cabin gave a presentation to the rest of the campers on the retreat theme. Some of these were fabulous and the youth through various skits created by them showed the great understanding of what they learned during the week about the importance of being a part of our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. A flashback to the Jewish Temple session of 2012 made a quick reappearance and just Prime Bishop Anthony and Bishop Stanley escaped the joking of Boys cabin 4.

On the final evening of camp we had our annual Bonfire. The camp Howe staff did a great job with skits, songs and stories. The Moose and other camp songs were quite a hit. Smores were then enjoyed with the Camp Howe Staff.



Holy Mass of the day began Thursday and was celebrated by Bishop Paul Sobiechowski. "Morning Star" a youth band from Divine Providence parish in Norwich, CT. played for this Holy Mass. They did a great job giving praise to God through their music and voices. Bishop Paul, during his sermon, asked the youth when they return home to share their faith with their friends and invite others to Church with them. After breakfast and camp clean up, everyone gathered for our closing session, led by our youth chaplain, Fr. Rob Nemkovich. He thanked all the youth for attending, all the chaperones, session presenters and activity leaders for their work for the youth of our diocese. He asked the youth if they "Would to God they be faithful ever" The response was a resounding YES !!!

The 2013 Camp Spirit Award that is given each year in memory of Jason Fairclough remembering his camp spirit and looking out for others was awarded to Ian Gonyea from Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI. His name will be added to the plaque and remembered at future Youth Retreats.



Participants of the 40th
Annual Eastern Diocese
Youth Retreat, Camp
Howe, MA

By Fr. Sr. Robert M. Nemkovich

2013 Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering

When: Monday – December 30, 2013 , **Where:** Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA.

Schedule: 10:30 A.M. – Holy Mass, 11:30 A.M. – Interactive Presentation on St. John, 12:15 – Pizza and Soda, 1:00 PM – 3:00 P.M. Bowling.

To register please contact either: Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich 508-672-4854 , rob-nem21@aol.com; or Fr. Randy Calvo 413-665-2129, frrandy@holynamedeerfield.org

Come see your friends in Christ

EASTERN DIOCESE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING SEMINAR 2013

The Eastern Diocese SOCL Board would like to extend a warm invitation to attend our upcoming seminar in South Deerfield, MA. The seminar will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

Our theme is ***Engaging our Youth Through Faith***. Our morning will begin at 10 AM with a Prayer Service led by Bp. Paul Sobiechowski. Fr. Sen. Joseph Krusienski, SOCL chaplain, will offer the homily.

A continental breakfast will be served before our Seminar is opened. Officers will present reports, and elections will be held. Please give thought to running for a board position. Keeping our SOCL programs active is critical to the life of our church.

Our keynote speaker is Mrs. Marty Barrett. Mrs. Barrett was most recently principal of the Frontier Regional High School. By the time we meet, she will be Superintendent of Schools for Union 38, all local towns served by the Frontier Regional School District. Her address will focus on keeping adolescents interested and involved in education. Her lifelong dedication to education will be relevant to our SOCL programs.

After lunch, our first presenter is Mr. Kevin Murphy. He is the technology teacher at Frontier Regional School. His presentation will offer ideas on using cell phones and technology to get God's message across to young people that are constantly "plugged in".

The second afternoon session will be offered by Dr. Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd, a member of the National SOCL Commission. They have recently published a small book on the historical highlights of the PNCC. These books are inexpensive tools that can supplement an SOCL curriculum.

Our final session will be presented by Barbara Stahelski. She is an energetic SOCL teacher that has shared her work at several other SOCL gatherings. The national church is currently considering some of her work with the Children's Bible. Barbara will be presenting an activity that will help to keep our students involved in lessons.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer and look forward to seeing you in South Deerfield on Saturday, September 21st.

Please remember to register by September 16th!

The SOCL Board of the Eastern Diocese

by Fr. Randolph Calvo

EASTERN DIOCESE DEACON PROGRAM



Have you felt a tugging at your heart to do more for the Lord? Maybe it happens while you attend Holy Mass, or while you listen to a sermon, or when you see there is more to do in His name than you are able to do right now. If you feel such a tugging, but are quite sure it isn't for the priesthood, then maybe you should consider becoming a deacon in our church.

If you are a male and at least 21 years old and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church for at least five years, you may apply for enrollment in the Deacon Program of the Eastern Diocese. Of course, there are other qualifications. Ask the pastor for a list of the qualifications and a handbook about the Deacon Program.

Many men watch their priests and sometimes see themselves at God's altar, or proclaiming the Gospel, or sharing Christian love with the parish children, the elderly and the troubled. They may imagine themselves doing much of what a priest does, but not feel a calling to the priesthood.



Men can now do more than watch and wonder. Applications are now being received for the new Deacon Program in the Eastern Diocese. Men may now pursue that calling for assisting the priest in serving God and His people. Ask the pastor for a copy of the deacon program handbook and an application with all of the requirements.

The telephone doesn't suddenly ring and a voice isn't heard, but the calling of the Lord for men to serve Him and His people is real. It happens in different ways with different men: A tugging at one's heart or mind, the mental picture of seeing oneself doing some of the things a priest does, the heartfelt compliments received for one's participation in the worship or religious work of the parish, one's frequent hearing of encouragement to join the ranks of the clergy, the awareness of a deep internal joy or a strong sense of inner peace whenever one does what Jesus would do for others.

If you are such a man and have been in the PNCC for five years or more, who is between the ages of 21 and never too old to learn and work, then the time may have finally come for you to consider becoming a deacon in the church. Talk to the pastor and ask him for a handbook on the Deacon Program in our Church. Also him ask for an application with all of the requirements and qualifications for the Deacon Program.

As a boy, have you ever thought about becoming a priest? As you think back to that time, do you now wish there was a way to serve the Lord and His people in a similar way, but not as a priest? Then the Deacon Program of our PNCC may be where the Lord is leading you.

To become a priest, a man must take time off from his job or take time away from his family or his home for three years to go to the seminary. To become a deacon, he can still work at his job, live with his family, continue to stay in his own home. To help you find out where the Lord is leading you, ask your pastor for the Deacon Program handbook, application and qualifications. It could be that the Lord is leading you into the diaconate.

Do you feel that the Lord is reaching out to you to do something more in His name for the other parishioners? Maybe you should consider becoming a deacon. Ask the pastor about the Deacon Program. The Lord uses deacons as well as priests to minister to people.

Talk to your Pastor for more information or e-mail:

RobNem21@aol.com

News from the Diocese:

- **FROM CHANCERY OFFICE**

Sacrament of Confirmation Schedule:

September 15 - Holy Trinity Cathedral - Manchester, NH.
October 19 - St. Joseph's of Stratford, CT.
October 20 - Blessed Trinity Parish - Fall River, MA.

Bishop's Visits to Parishes:

September 16 - St. Joseph's, Westfield, MA.- 5:30 PM.
September 17 - Divine Providence, Norwich, CT. - 5:30 PM.
September 25 - Blessed Trinity, Fall River MA. - 6:00 PM.

Meetings:

October 15 - Teleconference reorganizing the Diocesan United Choirs - 7:00 PM.
December 2 - P.N.U.A. District 3 Teleconference - 7:30 PM.
Diocesan Clergy Conference - November 5,6,7 Mercy Retreat Center, Madison CT.

- **ONE FOUND BOSTON COLLECTION**

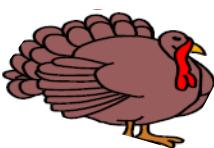
The total of monies collected for the One Fund Boston in our Diocese was \$1,956.50. There were cash and checks made out to the Eastern Diocese which were deposited totaling \$1,419.00 and the remaining balance of \$537.50 are checks made out directly to the One Fund Boston. Collection @ Cathedral of the Pines 190.00, Central Falls, RI 120.00, Fall River, MA 369.00, Lowell, MA 132.00, Manchester, CT 41.00, Manchester, NH 327.00, New London, CT 100.00, Norwich, CT 70.00, Plantsville, CT 56.00, Stratford, CT 250.00, Ware, MA 91.00, Webster, MA 70.00, Westfield, MA 85.50, Woonsocket, RI 55.00.

- **3 YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN DIOCESE RECEIVE IN 2013 NUC MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

1. Christopher Forbes of Our Savior Parish, Woonsocket, RI received the George Balcar Award and a stipend of \$ 400.00.
 2. Joey Grieve of St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA received the Bishop Magyar Award and a stipend of \$ 400.00.
 3. Rachel Quirbach of St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA. received the Bishop Slowakiewicz Award and a stipend of \$ 750.00.
- Mrs. Karen Sobiechowski was also nominated and elected to served as a Music Scholarship Reviewer for the new term.

- **3 PNU THANKSGIVING TURKEY RAFFLE**

The Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle (to benefit District 3 of the Polish National Union) will take place on Sunday, November 17,2013 at Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI. The prizes being awarded are four-\$20.00 Stop&Shop gift cards or cash.



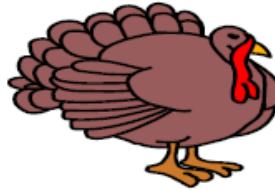
Tickets are &1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and 13 for \$10.00. Your generous support of this District's fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

Checks in payment for the Turkey Raffle tickets should be made payable to "District 3 PNU". Checks and Tickets stub should be returned to District 3 PNU c/o Maryann Zarek, 363 Lindsey Street, Atleboro, MA 02723.

For tickets please copy the next page of *The Messenger* or ask your pastor for more information.

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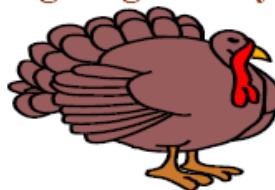


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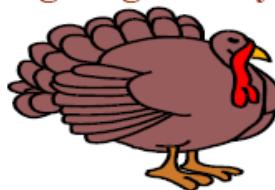


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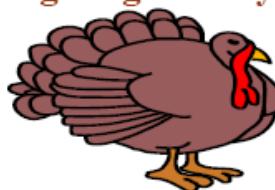


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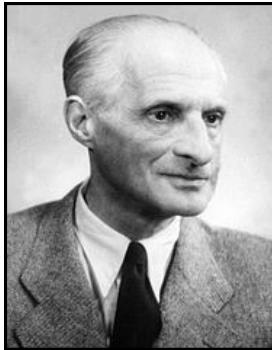
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Polish Poetry

Julian Tuwim był polskim poetą żydowskiego pochodzenia, urodzonym w 1894 roku. Był współzałożycielem eksperymentalnej grupy literackiej Skamander a także ważną postacią w polskiej literaturze, znaną zwłaszcza z wkładu w literaturę dziecięcą [np. *Lokomotywa* (1938) poniżej].

Tuwim swe lata dziecięce i szkolne spędził w Łodzi. W latach 1916-1918 studiował prawo i filozofię w Warszawie. W okresie międzywojennym współpracował z różnymi czasopismami i kabaretami. Podczas II Wojny Światowej był na emigracji w Rumunii, Francji, Portugalii, Brazylii i od 1942 r. w Nowym Jorku. Tu napisał ważny poemat *Kwiaty Polskie*, w którym opisał czasy ze swego wczesnego dzieciństwa w Łodzi. W czerwcu 1946 r. Tuwim powrócił do Polski. Za swoją poezję został wiele razy odznaczony, m.in. Nagrodą Literacką miasta Łodzi (1928, 1949), doktoratem honoris causa Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego (1949) oraz nagrodą polskiego PEN Clubu za tłumaczenia utworów Puszkina (1935).



Julian Tuwim

(1894 - 1953)

Julian Tuwim was a Polish poet of Jewish descent, born in 1894. He was the co-founder of the Skamander group of experimental poets; he was also a major figure in Polish literature, known especially for his contribution to children's literature [e.g. *The Locomotive* (1938) below].

Tuwim spent his childhood and early school years in Łódź. Between 1916-1918 he studied law and philosophy in Warsaw. In the interwar period, he co-operated with various magazines and cabarets. During World War II, he emigrated to Romania, France, Portugal, Brasil, and in 1942 to New York. There he wrote his major poem *Polish Flowers*, in which he describes the time of his early childhood in Łódź. In June 1946, Tuwim returned to Poland. Between 1947-1950 he was the artistic director of Teatr Nowy in Łódź. He was awarded many times for his poetry, among them was the Literary Award of Łódź (1928, 1949), doctor honoris causa title by the University of Łódź (1949) and Pen Club Award for translations from Puskin (1935).

By Fr. Adam Czarnecki

Lokomotywa



Stoi na stacji lokomotywa,
Ciężka, ogromna i pot z niej spływa -
Tłusta oliwa.

Stoi i sapie, dyszy i dmucha,
Żar z rozgrzanego jej brzucha bucha:
Buch – jak gorąco!
Uch – jak gorąco!
Puff – jak gorąco!
Uff – jak gorąco!
Już ledwo sapie, już ledwo zipie,
A jeszcze palacz węgiel w nią sypie.

Wagony do niej podoczepiali
Wielkie i ciężkie, z żelaza, stali,
I pełno ludzi w każdym wagonie,
A w jednym krowy, a w drugim konie,
A w trzecim siedzą same grubasy,
Siedzą i jedzą tłuste kiełbasy.
A czwarty wagon pełen bananów,
A w piątym stoi sześć fortepianów,
W szóstym armata, o! jaka wielka!
Pod każdym kołem żelazna belka!
W siódmym dębowe stoły i szafy,
W ósmym słoń, niedźwiedź i dwie żyrafy,
W dziewiątym – same tuczone świnie,

The Locomotive (poetic translation)

A big locomotive has pulled into town,
Heavy, humungus, with sweat rolling down,
A plump jumbo olive.
Huffing and puffing and panting and smelly,
Fire belches forth from her fat cast iron belly.
Poof, how she's burning,
Oof, how she's boiling,
Puff, how she's churning,
Huff, how she's toiling.
She's fully exhausted and all out of breath,
Yet the coalman continues to stoke her to death.

Numerous wagons she tugs down the track:
Iron and steel monsters hitched up to her back,
All filled with people and other things too:
The first carries cattle, then horses not few;
The third car with corpulent people is filled,
Eating fat frankfurters all freshly grilled.
The fourth car is packed to the hilt with bananas,
The fifth has a cargo of six grand pi-an-as.
The sixth wagon carries a cannon of steel,
With heavy iron girders beneath every wheel.
The seventh has tables, oak cupboards with plates,
While an elephant, bear, two giraffes fill the eighth.
The ninth contains nothing but well-fattened swine,

W dziesiątym – kufry, paki i skrzynie,
A tych wagonów jest ze czterdzieści,
Sam nie wiem, co się w nich jeszcze mieści.
Lecz choćby przyszło tysiąc atletów
I każdy zjadłby tysiąc kotletów,
I każdy nie wiem jak się natęzał,
To nie udźwigną – taki to ciężar!
Nagle – gwizd!
Nagle – świst!
Para – buch!
Koła – w ruch!
Najpierw powoli - jak żółw - ociążale
Ruszyła - maszyna - po szynach - ospale.
Szarpnęła wagony i ciągnie z mozołem,
I kręci się, kręci się koło za kołem,
I biegu przyspiesza, i gna coraz przedzej,
I dudni, i stuka, łomoce i педzi.
A dokąd? A dokąd? A dokąd? Na wprost!
Po torze, po torze, po torze, przez most,
Przez góry, przez tunel, przez pola, przez las
I spieszy się, spieszy, by zdążyć na czas,
Do taktu turkoce i puka, i stuka to:
Tak to to, tak to to, tak to to, tak to to,
Gładko tak, lekko tak toczy się w dal,
Jak gdyby to była piłeczka, nie stal,
Nie ciężka maszyna zzzajana, zdyszana,
Lecz fraszka, igraszka, zabawka blaszana.
A skądże to, jakże to, czemu tak gna?
A co to to, co to to, kto to tak pcha?
Że педzi, że wali, że bucha, buch-buch?
To para gorąca wprawiła to w ruch,
To para, co z kotła rurami do tłoków,
A tłoki kołami ruszają z dwóch boków
I gnają, i pchają, i pociąg się toczy,
Bo para te tłoki wciąż tłoczy i tłoczy,,
I koła turkoczą, i puka, i stuka to:
Tak to to, tak to to, tak to to, tak to to!...

Oficjalnie, Julian Tuwim był ateistą. Niewielu wie, że pisał też poezję religijną, m.in. *Chrystusie*.

Chrystusie

Jeszcze się kiedyś rozsmucę,
Jeszcze do Ciebie powróczę,
Chrystusie...
Jeszcze tak strasznie zapłaczę,
Ze przez łzy Ciebie zobaczę,
Chrystusie...
I z taką wielką żałobą
Będę się żalił przed Tobą,
Chrystusie...
Że duch mój przed Tobą klęknie
I wtedy serce mi pęknie,
Chrystusie.

In the tenth: bags and boxes, now isn't that fine?
There must be at least forty cars in a row,
And what they all carry — I simply don't know:
But if one thousand athletes, with muscles of steel,
Each ate one thousand cutlets in one giant meal,
And each one exerted as much as he could,
They'd never quite manage to lift such a load.
First a toot!
Then a hoot!
Steam is churning,
Wheels are turning!
More slowly - than turtles - with freight - on their - backs,
The drowsy - steam engine - sets off - down the tracks.
She chugs and she tugs at her wagons with strain,
As wheel after wheel slowly turns on the train.
She doubles her effort and quickens her pace,
And rambles and scrambles to keep up the race.
Oh whither, oh whither? go forward at will,
And chug along over the bridge, up the hill,
Through mountains and tunnels and meadows and woods,
Now hurry, now hurry, deliver your goods.
Keep up your tempo, now push along, push along,
Chug along, tug along, tug along, chug along
Lightly and sprightly she carries her freight
Like a ping-pong ball bouncing without any weight,
Not heavy equipment exhausted to death,
But a little tin toy, just a light puff of breath.
Oh whither, oh whither, you'll tell me, I trust,
What is it, what is it that gives you your thrust?
What gives you momentum to roll down the track?
It's hot steam that gives me my clickety-clack.
Hot steam from the boiler through tubes to the pistons,
The pistons then push at the wheels from short distance,
They drive and they push, and the train starts a-swooshin'
'Cuz steam on the pistons keeps pushin' and pushin';
The wheels start a rattlin', clatterin', chatterin'
Chug along, tug along, chug along, tug along!
translated by Walter Whipple

Officially, Tuwim was an atheist. Not too many know that he wrote some religious poems and among them, *O Christ*.

O Christ (literal translation)

At one time I will grieve so much,
At one time I will return to you,
O Christ...
At one time I will cry so terribly,
That through the tears I will catch sight of you,
O Christ...
And with that great mourning
I will complain in front of you,
O Christ...
That my soul will kneel in front of you
And then my heart will break,
O Christ.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH

- September 18 - Seniors Group Bus Trip to the "Big E".
- September 22 - Dozynki (Parish Picnic) 11:30 AM & Presentation of Altar Server Crosses.
- October 4 - St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals.
- October 6 - Pulaski Day Observance at Pulaski Park, Manchester - 12:00 PM.
- October 13 - Christian Family Brunch for all in attendance following Holy Mass.
- October 20 - SOCL Begins Christmas Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection.
- November 9 - Holiday Fair - 9am - 3pm.
- November 10 - Parish MooreMart "Care Packages for the Military" collection and "Holiday Mail for Heros" Christmas Card Programs begin.
- December 14 - 10 AM Advent Outdoor Cathedral Decorating by SOCL, pizza party follows at 12:30.
2PM SOCL Outing to Capital Arts Theater in Concord to see "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (open to all - reservations by October 15).
- December 22 - Parish collection of mittens, gloves, scarves, and coats for needy school children in the Manchester Public Schools.

St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA

- Sunday September 22nd, at 9am. the SOCL children will be holding a car wash fund raiser.
- Thursday, September 26th at 5pm St. Joseph's has again been invited to march in the Big E parade on Westfield Day. The Big E is a large fair held in West Springfield MA. The Dozynki dancers will march in their costumes and the other parishioners marching will be in red shirts. Look for us there and wave!
- Saturday, September 28th, a meeting will be held at 10:15am below the church. At this meeting, there will be a vote taken to name the group geared at stimulating people to join the PNCC and increase membership at St. Joseph's. We are working at updating the St. Joseph's website and creating some new welcome brochures. Our motto: "We will fill this church."

Our Saviour Parish in Woonsocket, RI

- Friday, September 22nd - Meat Raffle. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Free light supper, beverage, and dessert. Raffle starts at 7pm. SPLIT-TH E-POT, PENNY SOCIAL and MORE... Bring a friend for lots of fun.
- Saturday, November 16th - Annual Parish Bazaar (with our famous Grand Prize Raffle). For more information about raffle tickets call Ed Surowiec at 401-765-0975.

Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA

- Saturday, October 19th at 5 p.m. - Concert and Harvest Dinner. The Pulaski Brass Band will be entering the attendees from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

St. Valentine's Parish, Northampton, MA

- Monday, October 14th at 11:00 a.m - 27th Annual Pulaski Day Parade in Northampton (sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee).
- Sunday, October 27th at 12 noon - Annual Harvest Dinner - Holy Mass preceding dinner at 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m - Christmas Bazaar.
- Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Annual Christmas Concert.

Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA

- Sunday, October 20th, The administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- On Thursday, October 25&26 - Polish Food Fest.
- On Sunday, November 24th- Brunch&Parcel Past Auction.
- On Thursday - November 28th - 12:00 noon - Thanksgiving Day Dinner - A free Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings will be served to the first 100 people on Thanksgiving Day at Blessed Trinity Parish. For those in need or those who have nowhere to spend Thanksgiving - Invite them to join us - For additional information, to help out or to donate, please see Kathy Nemkovich.

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