

St. Joseph's National Catholic Church

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PARISH BULLETIN September 6, 2026

We welcome all to our Parish Family. May God bless you.

Lectors:
9/6 - Christine O'Connell
9/13 - Curtis Yetton
9/20 - Cliff Lajewski
9/27 - Kara Murphy

Organist:
Michael Sittard

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass Intention ✠ **Hedwig Baines - 10th Anniversary, and Gerald Baines - 2nd Anniversary;** Requested by Christine OConnell

Message from the Pastor Today's readings remind us that loving others sometimes means telling them the truth. Ezekiel tells us that we should care about one another and help each other when we are going in the wrong direction. Jesus gives us the same message in the Gospel. When someone does something wrong, we should first speak to that person privately, with kindness and respect. Real love is not only about being nice or avoiding difficult conversations. Real love wants what is best for another person. Sometimes we need the courage to say, "What you are doing is not right," but we should always do it with patience, humility, and love. And we should also be willing to listen when someone lovingly points out our own mistakes.

Bible Quote of the Week *"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."* - Matthew 18:15

School of Christian Living Our School of Christian Living classes will begin again in September for children and youth preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Today at the end of Mass, we will bless backpacks and school supplies. After Mass, parents can register their children for the classes. **The first class will be Sunday, September 13,** after Mass. Classes will meet every two weeks. We invite all children and youth who are preparing for the Sacraments to join us!

Parish Committee Meeting The Parish Committee will meet on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 PM.

Mission Collection Today, the first Sunday of the month, there will be a second collection for Missions at the end of Mass. Thank you for your donations!

Community Pot Roast Dinner A Yankee Pot Roast Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 13, at 12:00 noon. The menu includes Yankee Pot Roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, and Chocolate cake. Tickets: \$18 for adults and \$10 for children (12 and under). Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, September 9. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets, please see Cliff after Mass or contact him at (413) 977-2007. We hope you will join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship! Everyone is welcome.

Fellowship After Mass Today after Mass, we warmly invite all parishioners to Fellowship in the Social Center. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and spend time together as a parish community.

Prayer Intentions We kindly ask everyone to keep in their prayers all the sick, especially those who cannot be physically present with us but remain spiritually united in prayer. To submit a prayer intention, please contact Fr. Pawel.

Pastoral Care Visit The Eucharist, Holy Anointing, and Absolution may be a source of grace and strength for those who are sick. If a member of your family is unable to attend Sunday Mass or receive the sacraments, please notify Fr. Pawel so we can arrange a pastoral visit. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Pawel at (413) 222-2851 at any time.

Lectors Are Needed We are in need of additional lectors. Please consider serving in this important ministry. Speak with Fr. Pawel if you feel called.

Mass Intention Requests To request a Mass intention, please contact Fr. Pawel. The first available date is Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Pull-tabs from Cans for Shriners Children's Hospital We are collecting aluminum can tabs for the Shriners Children's Hospital recycling program. Please bring only clean pull-tabs from cans - no bottle caps, please.

Weekly Parish Dues We kindly remind all parishioners of the weekly dues schedule. New parishioners are asked to complete a registration form, which includes information about parish membership and dues. The weekly dues are as follows: **Retired 1 - \$12** **Retired 2 - \$22** **Working 1 - \$15** **Working 2 - \$26**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity in helping our parish community grow and serve others.

The XXVII General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church The XXVII General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held from Monday, September 28 through Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the DoubleTree Hotel & Conference Center, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

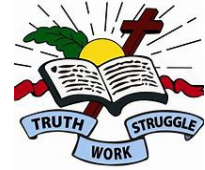


JOIN US IN PRAYER DAILY as
we prepare for the
GENERAL SYNOD OF OUR
PNCC
September 28-30, 2026

Almighty God, grant to all delegates of the Synod a humble spirit.
As they seek Your wisdom, lead and guide them in their deliberations.
May they be aligned with Your desires and plans for Your Holy Church.
Give them vision, courage, and hope for the future
as they follow where You lead.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP 2026:
KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST
The Eastern Diocese will focus on
Christian Living.



Please join us for the **ninth** in a series of virtual
"Know and Grow" presentations on
Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM (EDT).

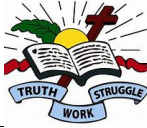
Father Robert Koerber will help us to explore the topic of
Getting Involved in the Life of the Parish Community.
Each unit will have biblical texts as a starting point,
with lecture, meditation, discussion, and practical life applications.

To join via Zoom, please contact revpauls@yahoo.com or
ksobiechowski@yahoo.com, or register at www.easterndiocesepncc.org.

~ Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Commission



Eastern Diocese Polish National Catholic Church
Mission and Evangelism Commission

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2026 ED-PNCC Mission / Evangelism Prayer: Getting Involved in the Life of the Parish Community					Each member of Christ's Church has received gifts from our Lord to be used for the good of all.	"Any good deed, however small, that is done in love has an eternal quality, because love ..."
....does not come to an end." (See 1 Corinthians 13:8; commentary in <u>Sacred Space</u> .)		1 (Luke 4:31-37) Jesus, all power belongs to You alone. I will fear no evil.	2 (Luke 4:38-44) I bring to Jesus in prayer all those in my parish family who are ill. ☩	3 (Luke 5:1-11) Sometimes Jesus' commands don't make sense to us. Obey anyway.	4 (Luke 5:33-39) Holy Spirit, give us discernment to make wise choices each day.	5 (Luke 6:1-5) Lord, at times You meet our needs in unexpected ways. Help us to be grateful.
6 "Saying 'yes' to God enables us to be a living presence of love, joy and mercy in this world." ✝	7 Labor Day - How does my work in the world and in my parish bring honor to God?	8 (Mt.1:18-23) Lord, teach me to be calm as Joseph, for myself and for those who look for my support. ✝	9 (Luke 6:20-26) Which of these verses speaks to you? Ask the Holy Spirit for help.	10 (Luke 6:27-38) Lord, help me and my parish family to take these words to heart & live them.	11 (Luke 6:39-42) Lord, open my eyes to recognize the good in others and not their faults.	12 (Luke 6:43-49) My conversation reflects what's in my heart. What do my words reveal?
13 In Brotherly Love , let us use our gifts to meet our neighbor's need... yes, that neighbor!	14 Lord, by Your Holy Cross and Passion You have redeemed the world.	15 May we, like Mary , hear God's Word, follow it, and unite with Christ in His dying and rising.	16 Hold close to your heart in prayer all who cannot see beauty in their lives at this moment. ✝	17 (Luke 7:36-50) Do I recognize the debt of gratitude I owe to Jesus for saving me?	18 (Luke 8:1-3) Lord, show me the best way to use my gifts to support my parish.	19 (Luke 8:4-15) Faithfully sow the seed of God's Word and trust Him with the results.
20 (Psalm 145) The Lord is near to all who call Him. Praise His holy name!	21 At Jesus' call, St. Matthew left his old life behind immediately, to follow the Lord.	22 "The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer." ~Leonard Ravenhill	23 "As you enjoy [God's] blessings, keep in mind that you are an instrument in the hands of the Master." ★	24 "If you are a Christian, your life is not your own... do not serve Him in your spare time or with leftover resources..."	25 ...The way you live your life for God is your offering to Him." ★	26 "Choose a psalm and pray it back to God. Read slowly, absorb the spirit of the psalm. Turn the Bible into prayer." ★
27 "Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out..."	28...not for his own interests, but also for those of others." ~ See Philippians 2:1-11	29 St. Michael the Archangel , defend us against the enemy of our soul.	30 (Luke 9:57-62) ☩ ✝ ☩ "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back..."	"I have committed myself and my all into God's hands and He has accepted the offering. Life henceforth can never be the same." ~ Charles E. Cowman	✝ <u>Sacred Space</u> ★ Henry T. Blackaby, <u>Experiencing God Day by Day</u>	★Robert Murray McCheyne

☩ DAILY PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE PNCC, September 28-30, 2026: Almighty God, grant to all delegates of the Synod a humble spirit. As they seek Your wisdom, lead and guide them in their deliberations. May they be aligned with Your desires and plans for Your Holy Church. Give them vision, courage, and hope for the future as they follow where You lead. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. ☩