

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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**FEBRUARY 2017 - MONTHLY BULLETIN**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY MASS – 10:30 A.M.**

**PARISH NEWS**

**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING – FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> - 6 PM**

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES:**

School of Christian Living	- every Sunday 9:30 A.M.
SOCL Parents Organization	- every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday before Mass
Parish Committee Meeting	- as announced
Ladies Adoration Society	- every last Sunday 9:30 A.M.

**Mass Intentions for February:**

Feb 5 – In memory of Ted Zarek and Hilda Zarek; by the family

Feb 12 – In memory of Stephen & Helen Mendrzchowski; by the family



Our Annual Spaghetti Supper will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Save the date and plan to join us!

*LENTEN WORSHIP – BEGINS MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>*

**Ash Wednesday – March 1 at 4:30 pm**

**Stations of the Cross – following Sunday Mass**

**Lenten Retreats for our Northeast Seniorate**

Saturday – March 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am

Our Saviour's Parish – Woonsocket

Saturday – March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am

St. Casimir's Parish - Lowell

**Meal in the Upper Room – April 2 – 4:30 P.M.**  
at Blessed Trinity Parish – Fall River



**Extend an Invitation:** if you know of anyone who does not belong to any church or who does not attend Mass, invite him/her or them to join us for worship here at Holy Cross. Make some time to share the good news of Jesus Christ with someone this week. All are welcome!

**Feb 2017 – Year of Commitment: Stewardship**  
**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP - WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

Christian stewardship and Christian giving work hand in hand. Generosity is one of the primary ways in which Christians show the fruit of the Spirit at work in their lives. How important our faith and our parish is to us is evidenced in how we use our **TIME, TALENT** and **TREASURE** towards God's work.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** One of the ways our church is unique in its democratic structure is that the people purchase, build, and maintain their own Church property in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church. Just as our homes must be maintained and the bills paid to keep the lights on, heat working and everything running in proper order the same holds true for our spiritual homes.

Some only view the meeting of their church obligations as attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Others acknowledge that attendance at church is one of the many gifts received to enrich our lives with the Word of God and the receipt of Sacraments. It is easy to focus on the spiritual fulfillment, knowledge and growth that is the center of our attendance. Of course, that is the basis for learning more of our faith and advancing our relationship with Christ. We trust the church will be there with open doors when we come to worship.

As we worship in the pews, it is sometimes difficult to be aware of the earthly concerns that impact our ability to worship: our Pastor's salary and health care, utility bills, organist, care of the church grounds, insurances, maintenance and repairs, mortgage, and the list continues. Do you know all Parish finances are the responsibility of the parishioners?

Many of these same items appear on our household budgets. Imagine trying to cover these expenses with a few dollars a week and a bake sale fundraiser. None of us would even consider that a reasonable possibility. We are also called upon to care for each other, to look for opportunities to serve one another. It is then that we abide in Him and show gratitude for all that He has given to us and for us.

**BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP: THE TRUTH ABOUT MONEY**

Biblical stewardship requires that a Christian view money differently from the way the secular world views it. The secular world equates affluence with success and happiness. Therefore, society constantly struggles to acquire as much wealth as possible. The Bible, however, exposes the worthlessness of such a struggle by revealing the truth about money. The Psalms proclaim, "But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that

perish" *Psalm 49:12*. No matter how much one struggles for wealth, death still awaits because money cannot add anything to one's life.

## LENTEN RETREATS

NORTHEAST SENIORATE  
EASTERN DIOCESE – PNCC

SATURDAY – MARCH 11, 2017  
OUR SAVIOUR'S PARISH – WOONSOCKET, RI

SATURDAY – MARCH 18, 2017  
ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH – LOWELL, MA

BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.  
ENDS BY 2:30 P.M.  
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



*COME SPEND TIME IN PRAYER, MEDITATION  
AND WORSHIP  
ON THE SALVIFIC PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST*

*RSVP BY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> TO: [RobNem21@aol.com](mailto:RobNem21@aol.com)*

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**2017 – A YEAR OF COMMITMENT ACROSS OUR PNCC  
ACTION PLAN**

Greater Understanding of Church Solemnities – Institution of PNCC  
Days of Retreat  
Four Community Service Projects  
Implement Commitment Component  
Stewardship Component  
Adult Education - Utilization of Social Media