

Holy Cross News

Parish Mission and Outreach

The year 2014 saw Holy Cross parish begin a Mission and Outreach committee as we looked to plan for future generations of the parish. Volunteers organized in February of 2014 and have met seven times so far. The committee has come up with 38 ideas and many of them have been implemented in the parish. Reunion Sunday was held in October and welcomed folks from near and far who were a part of the parish in past years. A welcome package was put together and is given to new folks who join us for worship. Our parish events are being promoted in new and more effective ways and the results are showing. This newsletter is another facet of these renewed efforts. Our parish participated in the 2014 General Synod and from this important meeting a Future Direction for our entire PNCC was established through various visioning sessions. In fact, 2015 is "A Year of Regeneration" across our entire Polish National Catholic Church and our parish and mission committees are working to implement an action plan from the PNCC Future Direction committee. These are exciting times at Holy Cross and we hope to see you soon for Holy Mass and at our many events for 2015. To receive updates from the PNCC Future Direction committee just send your email to FutureDirection@pncc.org



Annual Candlelight Service draws a crowd



Our annual Candlelight Service and Birthday Party for Jesus was held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 and what a great turnout we enjoyed. Clergy and faithful from across our seniorate gathered at our parish to spend time in prayer,

worship, reflection and fellowship as we prepared to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At our Birthday Party for Jesus our Winter Clothing Drive came to an end and we appreciate all the generous donations to help those in need in our city. Also thanks to Jackie Mendrzychowski for making the beautiful birthday cake enjoyed by all.



Upcoming Parish Events

- March 21 Spaghetti Supper
- April 12 Annual Parish Mtg
- April 18 Ham & Bean Supper
- May 3 May Breakfast
- May 16 Chopstick Auction
- June 7 First Holy Communion

Seniorate Functions

Lenten Retreat

Blessed Trinity - Fall River
March 7 at 10 am

Meal in the Upper Room

Blessed Trinity - Fall River
March 22 at 4:30 pm

Northeast Seniorate Meeting

St. Casimir's - Lowell
May 9 at 11 am

Corpus Christi

Holy Trinity Cathedral
Manchester, NH
June 4 at 4 pm



Winter Clothing Drive

Last fall our parish again sponsored a winter clothing drive to help children in need in our Central Falls community. This began the end of October and culminated with our Birthday Party for Jesus on December 14th.

Several winter jackets, hats, gloves, scarves and mittens were donated, and dropped off by Ed Paluch prior to the Central Falls Holiday Express that took place on December 20th.

Thanks to all who supported this important effort as we continue to look for opportunities to put our faith in Jesus into action.



Pictured are some parish youth following the clothing drive with St. Nick

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit." John 15:5 SOLEMNITY OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC - March 8th

Thanks for your support

This year our parish participated in the annual Operation Christmas Child drive suggested by the National United Youth Association of our Church. 35 boxes were filled and shipped to children in third world countries living in extreme poverty. Some of our packages were shipped to Zimbabwe. Thanks to those who supported this effort and filled boxes to help these children and let them know people do care.

Pictured are some of our parish youth as we wrapped up this drive.

Operation Christmas Child Successful





Polish Kitchen crew taking a well deserved break for just a moment.

PNCC 2015 Action Plan in place

2015 PNCC ACTION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF OUR CHURCH. This action plan is a result of visioning sessions from the 2014 PNCC General Synod and developed by the PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee. The Plan has the following 8 components:

- 1 Universal Welcome Package – we have one !
- 2 Greater Understanding of Church Solemnities – Brotherly Love
- 3 Lenten Day of Retreat – Seniorate March 7th, Fall River
- 4 Implement Commission Services – Doing
- 5 OnLine Education Course for Clergy
- 6 Database of PNCC Males for Sacred Vocations
- 7 Pamphlet for Humble Shepherds 2015
- 8 Completion of at least 2 community service projects

This plan will be reviewed, discussed and implemented by both our parish committee and mission and outreach committee. We will be trying some new ideas in the parish in 2015 to better live and share our precious Catholic Faith.

Fr. Sr. Rob, Michael and Maryann Zarek were delegates to the synod. What is exciting for us is that some of our ideas and things we have done here in the parish have become a part of this plan for the entire Church.

We already have our welcome packet, our Lenten Retreat is scheduled for March 7, we have implemented the Commissioning Services and have become more active in our community—but there is much more to do. So please pray for the success of this plan and make sure to do your part as well.

Polish Kitchen

This past November our annual Polish Kitchen and Craft Fair was successful for our parish. We thank all those who donated items, prepared the food and then served and helped. The food was enjoyed by all and was nearly gone by the early afternoon.

We will again be having our Polish Kitchen on November 21 this year. If you would like to help us prepare and make our pierogi, please save the dates of September 18 & 19 and October 16 & 17. The more hands the quicker the work will go and a fun time will be had by all. Please join us.

Parish Archives

A Parish Archives Committee has formed. We are looking for another person or two to help collect, sort and organize past pictures, programs and historical items from our parish. See Mike or Fr. Sr. Rob to volunteer. Also if you have any past photographs, anniversary books or booklets from the parish and would like to donate them to our archives, we would love to have them – bring them in and give them to Lois. Thanks for your support. Remember the 100th Anniversary of our parish is coming in 2018.

Seven from Holy Cross attend diocesan winter youth gathering

Saturday, January 3rd saw the 5th Annual Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering at Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA. Seven from our parish attended and enjoyed the day of worship, learning, pizza, bowling and friendship.

Fr. Sr. Rob celebrated Holy Mass and presented a session on the feast of Epiphany. For our parish youth: June - Acolyte retreat and August 16-20 - Youth Retreat 2015



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