

**Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council
Polish National Catholic Church**

DISCIPLESHIP

2020

PNCC



Piety and Compassion!

DISCIPLESHIP 2020 will present monthly messages focused on the lives and messages of the disciples of Jesus. Each month will present short videos, a scripture passage, and questions for reflection – all related to the particular disciple(s).

February 2020 – Simeon and Anna

[Click Here to watch a short video message on Simeon and Anna delivered by Fr. Charles Zawistowski](#)

[Click Here to watch a short video message on Piety and Compassion delivered by Kathy Nemkovich](#)



Scripture for Reflection
Luke 2:22-38

Questions for Reflection:

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How can you, as a disciple, help others take their relationship with our Lord more seriously?

Name a few important “discipleship qualities” that Simeon and Anna demonstrate?

Which one would you personally like to better emulate?

How can you begin to practically do so in your daily life?

2020 February to June Future Direction Parish Poster

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Future Direction
Action Plan
for Parishes

DARE TO BE A DISCIPLE

A Disciple is a Christian who is a follower of Jesus, learning to be more like him and teaching others to do likewise.

FEBRUARY

PIETY & COMPASSION

SIMEON & ANNA IN THE TEMPLE – Luke 2:22-38

COMPASSION

a feeling or act of kindness towards another person, especially in a time of need or distress.

Reflection Question:

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Schedule: Soup, Sandwich & Sermon or Wine & Cheese Gathering – Adult Education. Prepare short two-minute messages by various members to post on Facebook and reach old and new members. Consider streaming Holy Mass live on the internet for more to see.

MARCH

PRAYERFULNESS & SERVICE

MARTHA & MARY OF BETHANY – Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45

PRAYER

is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. It is our talking with God and listening to Him.

Reflection Question:

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

Schedule: Mass for Healing and invite all those ill and hurting spiritually or emotionally to attend and spend time in prayer, to hear God's word and receive Christ in the Eucharist.

APRIL

FAITHFULNESS & FORTITUDE

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

FAITHFULNESS

show this by being loving, joyful & kind to people; trusting in God; believing that God loves all the time; being a good friend, neighbor, parishioner.

Reflection Question:

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

Invite: the community to join you in Lenten services and masses. Offer free breakfast after Easter service for those in attendance.

MAY

HUMILITY & TRUST

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

HUMBLE YOURSELVES

think and care for others more than ourselves.

Reflection Question:

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

Schedule: a blood drive or health screen program for the community combined with Soup, Sandwich & Prayer.

JUNE

SONS OF THUNDER, APOSTLES OF LOVE

SAINTS JAMES & JOHN – Mark 3:13-19; Luke 9:28-36

GOD IS LOVE.

whoever lives in love, lives in God & God in them.

Reflection Question:

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

Remember: Clergy Appreciation & Sacred Vocations Month

Schedule: mass open to the all in your community (indoors or open air service) and encourage their participation in prayer and singing. Have refreshments afterwards.

The 5 Themes for the Future Direction of our Holy Church

- 1 Growth and Membership
- 2 Increase Spirituality
- 3 Lifelong Learning
- 4 Sacred Vocations
- 5 Community Involvement



BELOW IS THE FEB 2020 PRAYER CALENDAR
provided by the Eastern Diocese Mission and Evangelism Committee

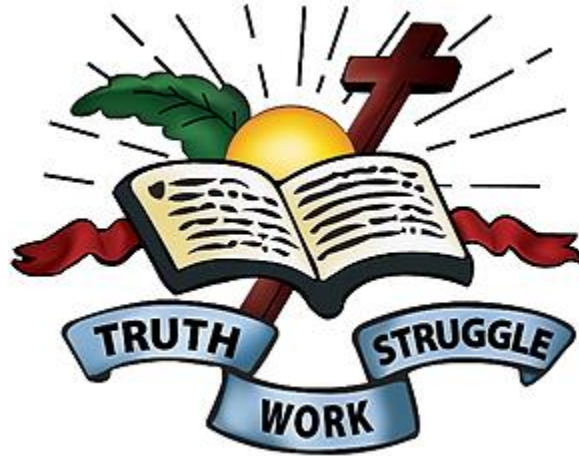
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2020</h1>					Resurrection PNCC in Temperance, MI, is the site for the Twentieth Mission Workshop, set for	March 27-29, 2020. Registration is FREE, and all are welcome. Pray about it & plan to attend!
PNCC-ED Mission / Evangelism Prayer for the Year of Discipleship: Simeon & Anna - Piety, Compassion						
Luke 2:22-38 tells us about Simeon & Anna, who were faithful, prayerful followers of God.	The habit of prayer enabled them to recognize the Baby Jesus as Messiah in the Temple.	They praised God, prophesied, and joyfully told others the Good News about Him.	Time in God's Word and in prayer is never wasted. It gives us spiritual eyes and ears...	and the desire and courage to respond to events in our world as Jesus would do...	...to speak the truth and act in love. Commit to read God's Word & pray faithfully.	1 Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God... show forth His praise. (Ignatius)
2 "The Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who lived in darkness."	3 May the Lord make your love for one another & for all people grow & overflow. (1Thes.3)	4 It is God's will that you grow in holiness. ~ Read 1 Thessalonians 4.	5 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..."	6 "...for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	7 "Bless the Lord God at all times; and ask Him to guide you in His paths..."	8...so that all you do may be rooted in Him. (Tobit 4:19)
9 Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge... fools despise wisdom & discipline.	10 "The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit..."	11...from each of its branches." ~St. Ephrem, deacon, teacher & hymn writer (c.306-373)	12 "We must always meditate on God's wisdom, keeping it in our hearts..."	13 and on our lips. Open your lips and let God's word be heard." ~Saint Ambrose (340-397)	14 Share God's love with someone who is lonely or grieving the loss of a loved one.	15 God's dreams for us seem several sizes too large! We have to grow into them (Sacred Space).
16 Read Matthew 5:38-48. How is God calling you and your parish to go the extra mile?	17 Pray for leaders of our nation and our church. May they seek God and govern wisely.	18 Jesus reminds us that greatness is found in humbly serving others. (Mark 9:30-37)	19 Pray for those who are planning and those who will host the Mission Workshop.	20 Pray for growth in discipleship and an increase of vocations in our PNCC.	21 Say "thank you" to someone who has encouraged or blessed you. Don't delay.	22 Be the answer to someone's prayer by sharing your time, talent or treasure with them.
23 Equip us with all that we need to do Your will. Produce in us what is pleasing to You (Heb.13)	24 The Lord gives and the Lord takes away; may His will be done. Bless His name. (Job 1)	25 Visit or call someone who is homebound to let them know you care.	26 Ash Wednesday May our devotion to Jesus be sincere, not self-seeking (see Matthew 6).	27 Set personal concerns aside for a bit to help ease another's burden today.	28 May our prayer & fasting this Lent reveal our inner hunger for Jesus (Sacred Space).	29 No one is an "unlikely" disciple. Jesus calls us ALL to follow Him. (Read Luke 5:27-32)

PNCC Future Direction is also on Facebook! Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too. If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

May we live piously and with compassion as disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ today.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee



We continue to implement the five themes the Synod determined for our future direction:

Growth and Membership

Increase Spirituality

Lifelong Learning

Sacred Vocations

Community Involvement and Presence

Action Plan for Discipleship: 2020

Develop and strengthen Discipleship throughout 2020

Parish Assessment

Special Masses

Continue the Business Free Zone

Continue and Strengthen Social Media Presence

Adult Continuing Education

Two Days of Spiritual Retreat

Complete Six Community Service Projects

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