So – did you know that “….. Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples [there] …. They [also] strengthened the spirits of the disciples and [urged and encouraged] them to persevere in the faith ….” (Acts 14:21-27).

Now what do you think Paul and Barnabas were doing here if not teaching people about God in Christ, then forming those people into disciples of Jesus, and cheering them on to live out the lessons they just learned from this dynamic duo. Basically, Paul and Barnabas were conducting a School of Learning about Jesus, and about Living in Him. Or, put another way, this divinely directed duo was conducting a School of Christian Living.

Christian education always has been an integral ministry in the ongoing life of the Church. That’s why all of us are meant to be life-long learners – in the sense that “a Christian never really graduates from Sunday school.” Or in other words, the process of Christian education is a womb to tomb undertaking – no pun intended. (Yeah, pun intended – I couldn’t resist it!)

Here at St Stanislaus we understand that continuing Christian education is for all ages. We start with those youngest among us who are even 1 month old and we go all the way up to those of us who are 840 months old and older – I’ll leave the math to you. The age range of the disciples in our School of Christian Living spans a lifetime: from the neonates among the “Splashers” to the oldest members of the school. And you’ll remember, the word ‘disciple’ means ‘student.’

But, as every teacher and parent knows, learning begins, and needs to begin, early in life. It has to in order for the learning to have lasting benefits. That’s why we focus on the education of children. Our Church’s national commission on the School of Christian Living wants our children to have head knowledge about how they are to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. But even more importantly, we want them to bring that head knowledge to their hearts, and then live out that combined head and heart knowledge in their daily lives.

Our SOCL faculty here at St Stan’s plans exactly this for your children because children live what they learn, which just happens to be the title of a poem by Dorothy L. Noltes – parts of which I need to share with you now, as an example of what all our teachers – want for and strive to achieve with your children.

**Children Live What They Learn**

by Dorothy L. Noltes

If children live with harsh criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.
If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to find love in the world.
If children live with sharing, they learn to be generous.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those around them.

This is an abridged version of Ms Nolte’s piece but you get the idea.

So - what are your children living with? I ask that because our teachers cannot grow strong disciples for Jesus here in the SOCL without your support of these concepts at home, and without your encouragement for their attending the SOCL classes, especially when the little darlings bring you their bagel and beverage and say, “…. but Ma, do I really hafta go there this morning?” That’s when our teachers need you the most – to be there for them - and for the experience they want to provide for your child. Yes, your child does need to eat his brocoli.

And the same goes for everyone else in this congregation: you too are examples of Christian living and virtue for our kids as they watch you and hear you interact with each other anywhere on the Cathedral campus. You, the parishioners, are their teachers and supporters and encouragers just like Paul and Barnabas were for their new disciples.

So I want to thank all our dedicated teachers for their excellent work as guides for our children – and in developing their discipleship in Jesus Christ. And my thanks to our parents for valuing what I value - and what our teachers value – which is instilling our children with Christian truth so that they might grow in their life with God.

To the adults of the Forum, I want you to know I’m so happy to be working with you – and so is Prime Bishop Anthony and Prime Bishop John. I’d like to continue our sessions throughout the summer if any of you would like to avail yourselves of that opportunity.

Oh yes, I recently heard on the news that Jimmy Carter won’t be teaching his usual Sunday school classes for a while. He fell and broke his hip not too long ago and the doctors won’t let him teach the class. I tell you this because Jimmy Carter is 94.

*Bishop Bernard*
SOCL is Coming to the End!

In May, the School of Christian Living starts winding down, but before we come to an end there were a few more notable events.

The first Sunday after Easter the Pre-K and Kindergarten had the story of Easter Morning read to them by Jacob Gerardi from the high school class. With the help of the other high school students, Elizabeth Pfohl, Matthew Pfohl and Jacob Stankowski, the little ones completed their project of making the empty tomb from paper plates and pasting the angel inside. Colton and Cecelia Thomas, Alex Meleski and his cousin Mason Weaver enjoyed having the older kids as their helpers.

For Mother’s Day, the Pre-K and Kindergarten learned a song called “Mommy Loves Me” to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me” and colored a special “My Mommy Is...” paper and “Mom” booklet for their moms. Andrew and Abigail Doyle got to share their projects with their mom Leslie, and Alex Meleski shared his with his mom Toni Anne and grandma, Gracie Weaver.

On Sunday, May 19th, SOCL came to a close with the students from Pre-K through High School receiving their certificates for all their work for the past year, from Bishop Nowicki. At Coffee Hour following Mass, the students were treated to a special cake for the occasion.


God Bless all the students, adults and teachers. See you again in September.
Another Baby Splashed
Giovanni Edward Marchelitis was welcomed into the Christian faith on Sunday, May 5th.
Giovanni is the son of Kaitlyn Marchelitis and Alexander Chiapinni and the grandson of Paul and Marianne Marchelitis. Father Janusz performed the baptism and the baby was presented with a prayer blanket from the Prayer Shawl Ministry so he may always be surrounded by God’s Love. The family also received the initial Splash Program to help Giovanni grow in faith.

Congratulations and may God bless little Giovanni Edward and his family.

ANS Honors
On Mother’s Day, The Adorations of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society honored the recipients of 25 and 50 years of membership at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The 25 year recipient is Joanne Edwards and the 50 year recipient is Shirley Golobeski.
Bishop Nowicki presented to Shirley her certificate for 50 years of service and dedication to the Most Blessed Sacrament Society with her daughter, Rita Nowakowski, attending mass. Unfortunately, Joanne could not attend mass this day.

Congratulations and God’s Blessings on Joanne and Shirley for their many years in the ANS.

Prayer Shawl and Blanket Ministry
Once again the ladies from the Prayer Shawl and Blanket Ministry have created quite a few beautiful shawls and blankets which needed to be blessed.
During 9:30 Mass on May 19th, Bishop Bernard blessed these meaningful creations, so they may be distributed to those who may need to be wrapped in God’s love and compassion. A few of the blankets are ready to be given to our graduates who will be going off to the college in the fall. This way they will have a blanket to wrap themselves in and remember their parish family back home. Pictured are Lynn Pfohl, Marianne Adams, Marie Gorgol, Sally Blackledge, and Arlene Swantek with Prime Bishop Anthony and Bishop Bernard. Missing from the photo are Sylvia Kowalski and Johanna Maroon. Thank you to all and may God bless these ladies who use their talents to craft such loving creations.
The ministry could use a few more helpers. Will you consider giving a few hours each month to this important ministry? They meet in the evening. Check the bulletin for their next session.
The Newly Wedded Fr. Janusz & Kimberly Lucarz

Kimberly Sherman Herrera, daughter of Harold and Jean Sherman and Rev. Janusz Lucarz, son of Rozalia Lucarz and the late Atton Lucarz, were married on Saturday May 11th.

The bride is a graduate of St. Stanislaus Elementary and West Scranton High School. Kimberly attended Jolie Academy where she received the Certified Nursing Assistant Certification. She also graduated from Fortis Institute where she studied phlebotomy and to be a Certified Medical Assistant. Currently Kim works as a phlebotomist for Geisinger Health System.

The groom attended Elementary and High School in Poland. Fr. Janusz graduated from Theological Institute (Seminary) in Tarnów, Poland and received his Masters Degree in Philosophy and Theology in Kraków. Father also was studying history at the Theological Academy in Kraków, Poland. He is currently our Assistant Pastor at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

Bishop Bernard Nowicki officiated the 1:00 p.m. Ceremony and Mass with Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky seated in the sanctuary. The beautiful and moving ceremony was enhanced with Leslie Doyle and Barbara Nowicki as soloists, singing “The Rose,” “Come, Lord Jesus to the Place,” and “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman.” Jocelyn Herrera served as flower girl.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at “Posh.” Father Janusz gave a “short” but heartfelt speech about how he and Kimberly met each other and fell in love. There wasn’t a dry eye in the place.

Everyone enjoyed their delicious meal and had a great time. Even Bishop Bernard and Barbara were caught on the dance floor. Members of the Parish Committee were seen having a great time and even took time out to get their picture taken.

All of God’s Blessings be upon Father Janusz, Kimberly and Jocelyn as they begin their new life together as a family and share in the joy of...
Honoring Our Fallen

Memorial Day was celebrated with a beautiful and moving service at our Cathedral Cemetery as we honored those who have fallen or not returned home in the military service of our country.

The Cathedral Chorale led the congregation in Patriotic song. Even a bald eagle was spotted flying over head by some in the choir.

Before the service, earlier in the morning, a local Veteran's Group came to our cemetery to honor our fallen soldiers with an 8 gun salute.

Let us never forget those in our military service who gave their all for our freedom.

Scouting at the Cathedral

The Cub Scouts of Troop 42 who hold their meetings in the lower level of our Youth Center were working on their American Flag Folding badge just in time for Memorial Day. They were learning the proper way to fold the American Flag in the shape of a triangle with the stars facing out.

Many do not know the explanation of the meaning behind each of the thirteen folds in a properly-folded American flag. The flag is folded to represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States. Each fold also carries its own meaning. According to the description, some folds symbolize freedom, life, or pay tribute to mothers, fathers, and those who serve in the Armed Forces.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

This coming June 14th, Flag Day, remember the symbolism behind our American Flag and the respect we should have for it.

Help at the Chicken BBQ

The Boy Scouts of Troop 42 were very helpful to us at the first of our summer Chicken BBQ’s that was held May 25th on the corner. The troop gave us a hand with the set up, serving and clean-up for our first successful BBQ.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our incredible, hard working volunteers, as well as parishioners who continue to make this fundraising, outreach and visible event very successful. Without their dedication and support we would not be able to continue.

The next Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Same time and same place. You can sign up ahead of time in the church hall on Sunday morning after church or call Paul Kowalski at 570-842-8812 or the church office at 570-961-9231. See you on
Pray for Our Clergy

June is Sacred Vocations Month and Clergy Appreciation. On Sunday, June 23rd, the ANS will be hosting the Coffee and honoring our clergy, here at the Cathedral.

It is also a time when we individually and as a church family should consider the never ending work of our clergy and the many demands put on them.

In Thom S. Rainer’s book “I Am a Church Member” (B&H Publishing Group, 2013), Chapter 4 is entitled “I Will Pray for My Church Leaders.” The following are some excerpts from that chapter.

“All church leaders need prayer.”

“Such is the life of a pastor. His day is filled with mountaintops and valleys. He is adulated by some and castigated by others. He needs our prayers.”

“He certainly needs our prayers for his sermons. We should pray that God would give him the wisdom, insight, and words to preach. It is an incredible task to speak and preach the Word of God every week again and again.”

“Serving and leading a church well expends all of a pastor’s energy. He is on call every day and every hour. Because the demands are so great on him, the pastor often neglects his own health and well-being.

“While no one is invulnerable to sickness and accidents, we can pray for the protection of our pastor’s health.

“We should also pray for our pastor’s mental health. The pastor has to make dozens of decisions each week that require discernment and wisdom. He needs wisdom to know what to teach and how to present God’s Word. He needs wisdom dealing with church members each week so he can best discern how to respond to the plethora of demands upon him.

“We who are church members should pray for the health of our pastor. He will feel stress and pressure every day. We can pray that he will experience the peace that only God can give.”

This month we who are church members should pray for the health of their pastor and all clergy in the PNCC. They do feel the stress and pressure every day and pray that they experience the peace that only God can give.

Let us pray, Dear Lord, please give strength, wisdom, health and understanding to our pastor Bishop Nowicki, Prime Bishop Mikovsky, Prime Bishop Emeritus Swantek, Fr Lucarz, and all PNCC bishops and priests as they teach our young and remind the mature of your ways. May their days be blessed by you to guide them in difficult times, to be nourished when times demand, and to enjoy the successes of the parish and church members when they occur. Watch over them and their families as they do your work. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Honor Your Father on Father’s Day

On Father’s Day we will pray for all our fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present, to express our gratitude, remembrance and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church.

For continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund, and to acknowledge ALL FATHERS, we will publish in the God’s Field - Rola Boza, your name and the name of the father you wish to acknowledge or remember.

For each acknowledgement or remembrance, we are requesting a minimum donation of $25.00, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C.

We feel that this will have a two-fold affect, by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for all they have done for us and also to bolster our Clergy Pension Fund in order to show our continued support for our Clergy/our Church Fathers/who make so many sacrifices each day in service to our Church.

All donations received go towards the Clergy Pension Fund of the Polish National Catholic Church.

You can download and complete the form and submit it with your minimum donation of $25 per name, to the Clergy Pension Fund Committee by going to the Polish National Catholic Church Website: www.pncc.org, scroll down, click on All Events or you may pick up a form in the church hall.

Fore!!!!!!

The 5th Annual YMS of R Golf tournament will be held on Saturday, August 17th at Panorama Golf Course in Forest City, PA. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. rain or shine. Accommodations can be made at Bishop Hodur Retreat Center in Waymart or The Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale.

To download registration forms and a schedule of events, go to www.pncc.org, scroll down and click on All Events and find YMS of R Golf Tournament.

For more information or questions, contact tournament chairman Andrew Schumlas at 570-947-7229 or co-chair Paul Kazinetz III at 570-604-2692.
Once again we have finished another year, and are closing our cases for the summer months. What a year it has been! We purchased several new pieces of music, some were accompanied by our organist, Mrs. Beth Howden, and trumpet, Jack Partyka, and for today’s service we were very fortunate to have been accompanied by an oboe (played by Adrianna Howden), which added the melody to this very peaceful piece called, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”. We also had the privilege to play for the visiting Bishops and Priests, as well as participate in the Convo 2018 mass. I can’t begin to say how proud I am of these members. No matter what piece of music I put in front of them they continue to perform and make the music have meaning as well as sound! Thank you to all of the members:

Brae-Lyn, Brielle, & Brandon Reed  Jake Gerardi
Celeste & Kaitlyn Gingerlowski  Lydia Howden
Jesse & Ryan Notari (newest member)
Olivia, Matthew, & Elizabeth Pfohl  Jacob Stankowski

I would also like to thank the parents (adult helpers) as well as our college students who continue to come and help support whenever I need them:

Maria Hughes  Nicholas Pfohl
Frank Gerardi  Timmy & Josh Stankowski
Lynn Pfohl  Madeline Hughes
Michelle Reed  Nicholas Gerardi
Jennifer Gerardi

I would also like to “Thank”, Bishop Bernard, Fr. Janusz, Dr. Barbara Nowicki, Cathedral Chorale Members, and most importantly Mrs. Beth Howden, our organist, for her guidance, support, and dedication as she helped us prepare in so many ways. A special “Thank You”, is directed to our Parish Community and Parish Committee, thru their donations and funding for the expense of our bell refurbishment this summer. Your praise and wonderful words of encouragement not only make these members shine but your support is greatly appreciative, even when we didn’t perform at our best.

As we once again send three more of our members down the College Road to a new and exciting time in their life, we will dearly miss you and your talent,

Good Luck and Farewell
Elizabeth Pfohl, Jesse Notari, and Jake Gerardi

I look forward to continue performing with the hand bell choir for our daily church services starting back in the fall, and would love if some new members will join us!! (It’s really not as hard as it seems) Please contact me if you are interested, 570-341-0986.

Thank you, Mary Ann Stankowski, Hand bell
Spring is here and summer is right around the corner. That means it is time once again for the annual Kurs encampment. Our theme this year is "What I received, I passed on to you." Challenge Accepted! Kurs 2019

1 Corinthians 15:3 - The theme is a spin-off of the 90th Anniversary of Spojnia Farm and paired with the Future Directions theme of “Discipleship.”

Registration and drop off of campers will be Thurs. July 4th starting at 9 am. The registration time is earlier this year because our “INDEPENDENCE DAY” Celebration will happen that day with Holy Mass at 11am by The Most Rev. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. The YMS of R picnic will follow mass, along with a Special Ceremony for the 90th Anniversary of Spojnia Farm.

Pick up of campers will be Saturday July 13th at 12pm.

The Kurs encampment is a Polish National Catholic Church Tradition sponsored by The YMS of R

Rates: Polish National Catholic Church Member- $290.00 per child.
Non PNCC member rate- $340.00 per child.

The reasonable rates will provide your child with 9 days of camp. They will participate in team building and leadership activities that will build lifelong friendships. The campers will be under the supervision of the Kurs counselors who were all campers themselves and want to make your child’s experience as memorable and enjoyable as possible. It is their hard work and dedication that makes the Kurs experience possible.

Our theme “What I have received, I passed on to you, is celebrating the chance our forefathers took on establishing our church and our organizations. We are now charged with keeping those traditions and values alive. We do that through discipleship in becoming a more perfect Christian.

Camper Registration, Medical Forms, and a $20.00 deposit check are due by Saturday June 15th, 2019. Checks made payable to the United YMS of R. All forms can be found at pncc.org

Mail Registrations to: KURS 2019- 611 West Grace St. Old Forge, Pa 18518
(**This is not the camps address, this is only the registration address**) 

***The Camp address is 611 Honesdale Rd. Waymart, Pa 18472 ***

To ensure your child’s stay please return your form as soon as possible.

We will notify you if we have reached our capacity.

Please do not come earlier than the times listed for drop off and pick up of campers. If there is a conflict please email Stacey Crispino-Shrive at Scrisp83@aol.com to make arrangements. If you need further information please call Nick Kazinetz at (570)-604-2620.

We look forward to seeing you!

June 2 – Richard & Mary Berezinsky
John & Hermina Koshinski

June 4 – Michael & Darlene Fick

June 6 – Paul & Donna Gorgol

June 11 – John & Kathy Kotula

June 15 – Joseph & Teresa Rothka

June 19 – Bp. Bernard & Barbara Nowicki
Edward & Christina Thomas

June 22 – Edward & Janet Meleski

June 27 – Frank & Marianne Adams

June 28 – Arthur & Carol Schmidt

Lorne & Tera Jean Notari
Mark Your Calendars!
Here are some of the upcoming events, so mark your calendars to keep them in mind.

**June 1** – One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer.

**June 7**<sup>th</sup> through **9**<sup>th</sup> – YMS of R Bowling Tournament in Stratford, Ct

**June 9**<sup>th</sup> – Honor our Graduates
9:30 a.m. Mass

**June 16**<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day

**June 20**<sup>th</sup> – Corpus Christi Celebration for Scranton Seniorate at the Cathedral with procession to four altars on Pittston Ave. at 7:00p.m.

**June 23**<sup>rd</sup> – Clergy Appreciation Sunday
sponsored by the ANS

**June 29**<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicken Barbeque on the corner of Pittston Ave. and Elm St. Noon until sold out.
Swingin’ In NEPA Swing dancing 7:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m. in the Youth Center
Contact Tera Pagotto 579-335-2445 for details

**June 30**<sup>th</sup> – Special Parish Meeting to elect delegates to the Special Synod

**July 4**<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day Celebration at Spojnia Farm in Waymart
Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by “90 for 90” Campaign dedication ceremony
Kurs Encampment begins and runs through Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**July 6**<sup>th</sup> – One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer.

**July 14**<sup>th</sup> – Annual Church Picnic starting with Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Grotto of Christ Benign

**July 29**<sup>th</sup> – Start of the set-up and collections for the Annual Flea Market

**July 31**<sup>st</sup> – **August 2**<sup>nd</sup> – National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop in Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY. Registration due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. See www.pncc.org, All Events for registration forms and more information. Or contact the Parish Office.

**August 3**<sup>rd</sup> – One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer.

**August 9**<sup>th</sup> – Cathedral Choral Summer Get Together

**August 10**<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken Barbeque on the corner of Pittston Ave. and Elm St. Noon until sold out.

**August 17**<sup>th</sup> – YMS of R Golf Tournament at Panorama Golf Course, Forest City, PA

**August 23**<sup>rd</sup>, **24**<sup>th</sup>, **25**<sup>th</sup> – Annual Flea Market 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday

**September 7**<sup>th</sup> – One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer

**September 10**<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken Barbeque on the corner of Pittston Ave. and Elm St. Noon until sold out.
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Swingin’ In NEPA Swing dancing 7:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m. in the Youth Center
Contact Tera Pagotto 579-335-2445 for details

**September 29**<sup>th</sup> – Scranton Knight Rhythms Purse Bingo 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Center

**October 5**<sup>th</sup> – One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer

**October 18**<sup>th</sup> – Cathedral Chorale Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show

**October 25**<sup>th</sup> – Special Synod of the PNCC to be held at our parish to elect bishops.

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**June Birthdays**

**June 1** – Jennifer Bogdanski
Eve Hughes

**June 3** – Dolores Conte

**June 5** – Robert Niedzielski

**June 7** – Judith Snyder

**June 8** – Dylan Hughes
Ella Coolbaugh

**June 10** – Lorraine Pacheco

**June 11** – James Weaver
Shirley Golembeski
June Sarnowski

**June 13** – Stacy Zygmunt
Michael Matza

**June 14** – Toni Ann Meleski

**June 18** – Cheryl Barlow

**June 19** – Bernice Zahorsky
Raymond Makowski

**June 20** – Timothy Stankowski

**June 23** – Kathy Kotula
Karen Nitch
Ann Ankerway

**June 24** – Frances Owcarz

**June 25** – Jeannie Lynn Kowalski
Kathy Annacarto

**June 30** – Stephanie Zigmont