So - how are you enjoying your summer? Students are off and maybe busy at a summer job. Some of you may still be looking forward to your time away planned for later this month, or maybe you’ve already returned from your July time away. Barb and I have had a very nice time on our European romp! I even have my crayon drawings posted on the refrigerator door showing what I did on my vacation.

But it’s time to start getting ready – mentally at least – for the renewal of our life together once again in the next season as the Christian community of St Stan’s, especially the discipleship we practice within that community in order to live our discipleship outside our community effectively.

So, an important area to start thinking about as the summer season wanes is our stewardship of the things we have and are. Many of you think stewardship is only about money. Though it’s an important aspect, it’s far from the only aspect of stewardship. Then, just what is stewardship?

To start with, I’ll answer that question with some questions and some biblical answers beginning with: Who are we here at St Stan’s? From John 1:12 we see - “But to those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God.” That’s it! We’re each of us wondrous sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, worthy of great dignity, respect, and love.

But as God’s children, who are we called to become? Luke 14:27 says “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” By our baptism, we are also called to be the disciples, the followers, of Jesus our Savior and our friend.

Then what do we do as God’s disciples? Mark 3:35 tells us that “…. whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” Being disciples of Jesus is not a passive pastime, but rather an active seeking of the will of our Heavenly Father, as Jesus did.

But how do we children of God become His disciples by doing His will? Well, 1 Peter 4:10 teaches: “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” We put discipleship into action by practicing stewardship. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple, of the one who recognizes God’s gifts and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

Each part of this stewardship definition is really important. You and I respond to the Lord gratefully, as thankful and appreciative people. You and I live out our Christian discipleship with joy, as we enthusiastically follow Jesus. You and I recognize and receive God’s many and varied gifts, stopping often to count His blessings. You and I do not hold these gifts to ourselves, but rather generously share them with others. Finally, You and I do all this not because “we have to;” we do all this because we love – because we have a hope-filled love for God and a compassionate love for our neighbor and ourselves.

That is stewardship.

As a parish, as families and as individuals, I pray you would grow in the understanding and practice of stewardship, which is itself a gift to you from God. I hope I have given you a different, broader way includes but is definitely not limited to monetary considerations. There is definitely a spirituality of stewardship within Jesus’ call to you and me be his disciples.

And remember - Jesus will help: He loves all His children more that we can ever ask or imagine!

Bishop Bernard
Delegates Elected
On Sunday, June 30th, a special parish meeting was held during coffee hour, to elect delegates to the Special Synod which will be held here at St. Stanislaus in October. This Special synod is to elect two new candidates for bishops for the PNCC.

The following were elected to serve as delegates: Carol Nasser, John F. Ostroski, Jr., Dr. Robert and June Sarnoski, Linda Seliga, and Grace Weaver.

Please keep these delegates in your prayers as they represent our parish in making the important decisions in electing new bishops to serve the Polish National Catholic Church. May their decisions be knowledgeable and made in the best interest of the PNCC and the faithful.

UYA Sponsors One Hot Meal
The Cathedral United Youth Association sponsored the July 6th One Hot Meal held in our Youth Center. Jacob Stankowski, Brandon Reed, Braelyn Reed, Casey and Cameron Swantek (visiting grandchildren of Prime Bishop John and Arlene Swantek), Olivia Pfohl, Celeste Gingerlowski, Matthew Pfohl and Brielle Reed were also on hand to help out that Saturday.

Many thanks to the UYA for sponsoring the meal and to those who were able to come and lend a hand that day.

Boy Scouts Thank You!
The week of July 7th through July 13th, our parish Boy Scout Troop 42 along with Troop 407 (Notari Family) and Troop 160 (Stankowski Family) spent the week at Goose Pond Scout Reservation in Hamlin, Pa. A very heartfelt thank you is extended to St. Stanislaus Parish Community for welcoming us into your church. Many merit badges and first time experiences were had by the boys.

The Troop and Cub Pack 42 are looking forward to a long time home here at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. Thank you again from the boys and leaders of Troop 42.
Food, Fun and Fellowship
On a beautiful sunny July Sunday, St. Stanislaus held the Annual Second Sunday Mass at the Grotto of Christ Bineign and Parish Family Outing at the YMS of R Park in the Minooka section of Scranton.

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky celebrated the open air Mass assisted by Fr. Janusz Lucarz. The Cathedral Chorale with Beth Howden at the keyboard provided the music.

After Mass everyone was treated to lunch catered by Posh which included a BBQ pork slider, mini hotdog, potato salad, cole slaw, pierogi and kielbasa along with condiments and a beverage. For dessert, it was make your own sundae. There was a choice of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream with a wealth of toppings to apply on top. Everyone had a chance to sit and enjoy a delicious meal and mingle with their fellow parishioners. They also got a look at the work that was done at the park. Even some of the members of the parish committee were spotted enjoying the shade from the newly planted trees in the recently landscaped YMS of R Park.

A great time was had by all. Keep the date open for next year and enjoy a great day.

Another Baby is Splashed!
Raelyn Faith Hughes was welcomed into the Christian faith on Sunday, July 21st.

Raelyn is the daughter of Kevin Hughes and Lindsey Bird and the granddaughter of Jerome and Maria Hughes. She is also the great granddaughter of Christine Gerardi. Godparents were Dylan Hughes and Courtney Bird.

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky performed the baptism and the baby was presented with a prayer blanket from the Prayer Shawl Ministry so she may always be surrounded by God’s Love. The family also received the initial Splash Program from the School of Christian Living to help Raelyn grow in faith.

Congratulations and may God bless lit-
Merrill's Marauders

Along with our Parish Picnic, we had some guests in attendance. Julie Esty and Wendy Belaski from the Dunmore Cemetery Dearly Departed Players joined us at the YMS of R Park dressed in period clothing from the 1940’s. Their purpose was to collect signatures to present to the United States Congress to encourage the passing of the “Merrill’s Marauders Congressional Gold Medal Act.” This is a nationwide effort.

Merrill’s Marauder’s were an all volunteer United States long range penetrations special operations jungle warfare unit which fought in the South-East Asian theatre of World War II. The Unit became famous for its deep penetration missions behind Japanese lines, often engaging Japanese forces superior in number. There was a plan to get these “expendable” group of 3000 men into the fighting but none to get them out.

At the end of the mission only 130 Marauders out of the original number were fit for duty. Many were killed and the rest of the remaining Marauders still in action were evacuated to hospital due to tropical diseases, exhaustion and malnutrition.

Six members of the Marauders and one of them, Michael Sevensky, was from Lackawanna County. He was the son of the late Bernard and Joanna Zigmunt Sevenky. Prime Bishop Mikovsky was the first to sign one of the petition cards. Julie and Wendy collected signatures and answered questions. WNEP, the local news station, was also on hand to cover this kick off of this ongoing mission to further recognize this valiant group of soldiers.

If you did not get a chance to sign a card, you may do so in the Parish hall after mass on Sunday or contact the parish office during the week to pick up a card.

Please help with your signature to get this bill passed.

GIANT FLEA MARKET

ST. STANISLAUS YOUTH CENTER
530 EAST ELM STREET
SCRANTON, PA

AUG. 23rd, 24th, 25th
9 am – 5 pm  Friday and Saturday
11 am – 3 pm  Sunday

FEATURING:
Antiques, Jewelry, Furniture, Toys, Tools, Electronics, Books, Household items, Baby/Children items
and MUCH MORE!

ALSO SERVING HOMEMADE POLISH FOODS:
PIEROGI, STUFFED CABBAGE, POTATO PANCAKES, CABBAGE AND NOODLES, BAKED GOODIES AND SO MUCH MORE.

AIR CONDITIONED!

NO EARLY ARRIVALS PLEASE!
Feeding the Fleas and Setting Them Up

Preparations for the Annual Flea Market being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd, 24th, & 25th have begun in earnest.

The ladies and men of the parish and the ANS were making pierogi starting Sunday, July 21st. From the dough rolling and cutting, the stuffing and pinching, the double pinching and cooking to the counters and baggers, many hands were needed to accomplish the task of making over 110 dozen of the scrumptious Polish Pierogi needed for the food sales at the Flea Market. In early Spring, the ladies have already made over 300 golombki/piggies. They are frozen and ready to be heated for a delicious delicacy.

The set-up for the Flea Market has also begun. Items are starting to pour in and many hands are needed to clean, price and place the merchandise from collectables to kitchen things, books to toys, electronics to furniture, and much more.

There is someone at the Youth Center Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 4 o’clock. If you can come and lend a hand for a day or an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. This is our biggest fund raiser.

Come, help out and have a laugh or two with a great bunch of people as we prepare for the GIANT FLEA MARKET!!!
Bishop Hodur Retreat Center
July 4, 2019 was the 90th anniversary of the dedication of Spojnia Farm by Bishop Hodur. It is truly amazing how someone had the foresight to find this property in 1929, to provide a home and shelter for the elderly and youth of our Church. More impressive is the number of people that have experienced Spojnia Farm, from the early days when people used the farm to be self-sufficient, to the Home for the Aged, later the Manor, the many children's camps and KURS there have been, those that have worked at the farm, and the list is most likely endless. “The Farm” as most people call it, has left so many with great memories and still does today.

Though time of course provides twists and turns, “The Farm” is now the Bishop Hodur Retreat & Recreation Center, and beginning a new growth phase. The Retreat Center recently had a new heating and air conditioning system installed, that has been much appreciated by attendees of Holy Mass this recent 4th of July and the campers this summer. A new walking trail has been created to tour the grounds of the farm (or to get exercise, or to meditate), including highlights of the apple orchard, the D&H Railroad and the original site of Ustronia. The driveway has been regraded and paved. And the swimming pool, installed 40 years ago was replaced with a new, updated look. More improvements are on the way for an already great facility and property. This facility should be the center of activities for our Diocese and National Church, used for clergy conferences, organizational retreats (ANS, YMS of R, UYA and others), scouting functions, family reunions and celebrations – or maybe an old fashioned Scranton week or weekend for families.

If you’d like to support the growth of this amazing property and facility, please donate to the 90 for 90 Campaign, celebrating 90 years of Spojnia Farm. Donations can be made to:
90 for 90 Campaign
207 Grassy Island Ave
Jessup PA 18434

And don’t hesitate to spread the good word to friends and family members – the Bishop Hodur Retreat is shining bright at Spojnia Farm and needs everyone’s continued support.

Submitted by Paul Gorgol
"What I received, I passed on to you." Challenge Accepted! Kurs 2019

The theme of KURS 2019 incorporated scripture, 1 Corinthians 15:3: For what I received I passed on to you - and the message from PNCC Future Direction, Year of Discipleship. The focus was to take what you learn at KURS and pass it to others.

While the KURS does offer a ton of fun and new friends, it also teaches participants about leadership, patriotism, and many aspects of our Church and God. Youth from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Maryland and even Poland attended this year’s KURS taking part in the 90th Anniversary of the dedication of Spojnia Farm by Bishop Francis Hodur. This year 11 young people from St.Stan’s attended; Lydia, Paige and Sharon McConlogue, Jacob Gerardi, Megan Fallon, Krystian, Patryk and David Mays and Ethan, Austin and Luke Stankowski (they could only attend for 3 day since they also attended Boy Scout Camp at Goose Pond).

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With over 80 attendees, ranging in age from 7-18, KURS 2019 was the largest in years, maxed out only by the number of available beds this year. Hopefully there will be more in attendance next year. The youth of our church are our future and it was shining bright over the 9 days of KURS. With all the fake news we see on TV or the internet, it’s amazing to see how these kids interact and behave, not only with each other, but with their counselors, supportive of each other, and confident to step forward and volunteer or speak. Yes, they participated in the dedication of the new swimming pool – all of them getting to say they were the first to jump in, because they all did at once. And they played fun games like Dizzy Bat, Awful Waffle, Tug of War, This Sucks, and more. Some went on horseback rides, played Frisbee football or kickball; some went down the giant Slip and Slide, and everyone reported to the line when the whistle blew. Of course, there was the bonfire – an unbelievable bonfire this year – as it included the formal retirement of flags used at the camp by a junior ROTC. You could hear a pin drop it was so quiet – the youth couldn’t have been more respectful of the ceremony and all involved. Outstanding!

Many activities filled the week, including the opening Mass on July 4th celebrated by Prime Bishop Mikovsky, who also spoke of the 90 years Spojnia Farm has been in existence. Daily services had volunteers for altar servers and readers, and there was a very talented choir that seemed to get larger every day. Fr. Konicki made sure they were part of the service not just witnesses. Several dedicated clergy from our church gave excellent lectures and took time with the kids, joining them at a lunch table to discuss their stay, learn where they were from and their interests. To the clergy who took time out of their schedules -Thank you for taking time for our youth!

Campers all went on a hike on a new trail at the camp that tours the old apple orchard, the old path to Tasty Freeze, the D&H Railroad, and most importantly, where the original foundation of Ustronia existed. The youth were amazed to see where Bishop Hodur’s home at the farm sat on the highest point to overlook the entire farm. Pictures at the Retreat Center show the dedication on July 4th, 1929, mass being held in the orchard, the Home for the Aged, and when the farm was actively producing milk, which the youth were interested in as well.

The food was FANTASTIC. The cook had to go shopping almost every day as they ate and drank everything in sight – I think Florida ran out of orange juice that week. An interesting note was how well everyone slept – with the new air conditioning in the Retreat Center, sleeping conditions were much more pleasant than the old hot and humid nights with bats flying overhead (oh, the good ol’ days).

The counselors were top notch, doing a great job of planning and executing the entire 9 days so the kids had fun, but also learned along the way – even if it was chores which I’m sure many don’t do at home. If your child attended the KURS, you should thank the counselors for their efforts. If you’re thinking about sending your child next year, you should know this is probably the best group of counselors your child could have – caring for them, but also teaching and leading them.

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Though I had the great job of assistant cook and pot scrubber, I did get time to interact with the kids and also just watch. I was really proud of them. I think I learned more from these kids than they did from the adults, or maybe, we passed it on. Visit KURS on Facebook to see the many pictures and videos of KURS 2019.

Submitted by Paul Gorgol

Mark Your Calendars!

Here are some of the upcoming events, so mark your calendars to keep them in mind.

**August 3rd** - 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 9th** – Cathedral Choral Summer Get Together

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

**August 15th** – Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at Noon with blessing of flowers.

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

**August 23rd, 24th, 25th** – 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 7th** - 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 8th** – Solemnity of Brotherly Love

**September 10th** – 4th Chicken Barbeque on the corner of Pittston Ave. and Elm St.
Noon until sold out.

2nd Anniversary Swingin’ In NEPA Swing dancing

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