

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Solemnity – Brotherly Love

September 8, 2019

Be devoted to one another

in brotherly love

Romans 12:10



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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TODAY

ANS Meeting following 9:30 Mass

MONDAY, September 9th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, September 10th

6:30 pm – *Special Parish Committee meeting*

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl meeting (see announcement)

7:00 pm – Branch 1 YMS of R monthly meeting at the YMS of R Park

THURSDAY, September 12th

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, September 15th – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary **11:15 am** Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

ANS THANK YOU TO ALL! – Two weeks ago our "EARTH ANGELS" were flying around with their halos & wings, joining with all of our DEDICATED PARISHIONERS in the festivity of making our August Flea Market a SUCCESS!!! A tremendous amount of hard work went into this project.....prior to....the days of& clean-up after the closing of this 2019 event. We cannot thank you enough for the number of hours spent by those who slaved in our kitchen under the direction of Sue Techmanski (some smiling through the aches & pains of life) to make all of our delicious traditional Polish Delicacies. Along with those who worked endless hours arranging & selling all the items that were donated!!! Sincere appreciation to those who donated food, monetary donations & articles for sale.... not forgetting our Security Guards...along with Mr. Lorne Notari whom was at the helm of this entire affair!!! We are truly GRATEFUL for all of these men, women, & our youth of the PNCC who contributed their time & energy (some even taking a day off from work & using their vacation time to help with this event)!!! Fellowship & dedication have proven that we are "ONE GREAT BIG FAMILY of The POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC BISHOP & MARTYR CATHEDRAL" in SCRANTON, PA!!! I am truly PROUD to be a member of this AWESOME CATHEDRAL & would like to offer My Personal Thanks & Praise to All. May GOD BLESS Each & Everyone of Y-O-U!!!!

President of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society,

Kathy Michalina

CHICKEN BBQ – Our 4th of the season Chicken BBQ will be held on **Saturday, September 14th** beginning at noon til sold out. Menu includes; 1/2 chicken, baked potato, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert and bottled water. Cost \$10. A pre-order sign-up sheet is available in the lower church hall. Thanks for your continuing support of this great fund raiser and outreach program.

CATECHISM PREPARATIONS – We will begin classes of preparation for children who have not yet received their first Holy Communion or made their confirmation. Classes will begin in October and will be open to children who are in second grade for first Holy Communion preparation; and who are no younger than 13 years of age when the classes begin for Confirmation preparation. The courses of preparation for first holy communion and for the sacrament of confirmation are one and two years, respectively. Please leave a voicemail on the rectory phone (570.343.6017) to indicate your desire to place your child either of these preparatory classes. Adults who have not yet taken the opportunity of being confirmed in the faith may also call the rectory to indicate an interest in participating in a one year course of preparation to receive this sacrament.

WOMB TO TOMB, Our Cathedral’s Philosophy of Christian Education – We’re continuing with our revitalization of our Cathedral School of Christian Living (SOCL). The first wave of postcards went out to let the parents and caregivers of our children and young people know the reopening is happening. The next wave of mailings is ready to go, too. We plan the enrollment in our Cathedral SOCL to range from age 1 month (with the special three-year ‘Splash!’ program) through childhood and adolescence, and on through young and advanced adulthood with the Adult Forum. Also, our plans for special needs children and for toddlers are expanding as well; and enrollment will be open to everyone from within the Cathedral parish and from among any of your friends and relatives from the community outside our Parish. Hence, our enrollment ranges from cradle to grave, or, from womb to tomb!

The SOCL is an essential ministry to all our people, a ministry which needs a few more volunteers to contact Luann Kaszuba and Barb Nowicki (570.962.9231) to help in leading the various levels of Sunday school class. This will include team teaching and the help of assistants for teaching flexibility.

The SOCL is an essential ministry to provide for the growing need for spiritual guidance in these times. No one can dispute the fact that our American culture is saturated with change that, along with many favorable things, offers many unsavory influences and forces as well. One of the most stable aspects in the religious sphere has always been our SOCL, the weekend educational efforts we need to offer to people outside of Mass. Unquestionably now, more than ever before, our youngsters, adolescents and especially the adults need a counterweight to the massive cultural shifts that our society is experiencing.

So, please respond positively to our invitations to join an SOCL class this fall. Respond positively to the postcards you may be receiving as a parent or caregiver. Invite friends and relatives from outside the Cathedral parish to participate with you in Sunday school. Some people have experienced their greatest revelations concerning God’s love and his plan for them sweetly and quietly in Sunday church class. Some people may only remember some of the songs and some of the lessons, but they never forget all of the love they experienced in Sunday school.

Admittedly, we’ve started simply last year but very enthusiastically. And as always, our School of Christian Living classes are like the plant nurseries you visit in garden centers; under the soil, miracles are happening that lead to growth and blooms!

THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the church. We could use more members. If you would like to sacrifice one evening a month to do work that will benefit some person in need, please come to our meeting on September 10th.

OUR CEMETERY’S ARBOREAL SPLENDOR – Eight beautiful trees have been set between the pavilion and the mausoleum to replace the previous bower at that location stricken with various infestations. On reaching the peak of their maturity in the coming years, these new Skyline Locust trees will provide welcome shade and the comfortable coolness which accompanies that protection from the sun’s rays. Our trees will also serve as stately memorials for beloved family members and friends. With a donation of eight hundred dollars to cover the purchase cost of each tree, a suitable bronze memorial plaque will be placed at the tree’s base and mounted on a metal stand. To date Helen Lukasiewicz is memorializing her grandson in this manner. And Ed Borek is memorializing the Borek family with a generous donation exceeding the cost of a single tree. Please consider being a part of the effort to beautify our cemetery by “adopting” a Skyline Locust as a memorial.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – **It’s never too early to think of Christmas presents for Operation Christmas Child!** Because it’s the perfect time of year to get some nice back-to-school bargains, St. Stanislaus UYA decided to gear up early with this annual project and to also work in **conjunction with the PNCC’s Future Direction Committee’s 2019 Year of Discipleship with August’s focus on CHILDREN.**

If you would like to make a difference in the life of a needy child, please participate with us! We will have some shoe boxes (and a sample of a completed box) available every week after mass. Feel free to use your own shoe boxes, too: just make sure to wrap the lid and box separately. There are the easy-to-follow guidelines at www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child. If you cannot fill a shoe box but would like to help, you can make a **\$9 contribution just for the shipping of a shoe box.**

We were blessed to be introduced many years ago to this awesome program by our late youth chaplain Bp. Stanley Bilinski. We started because *he* saw value in it; we have continued annually because *we* see value in it. Please consider joining forces with us to make this a record breaking year for our Operation Christmas Child project by helping us reach **our goal of 25+ boxes!** All filled boxes will be collected in the church hall now through November 17th.

Thank you for your continued support of our outreach efforts. *The St. Stanislaus UYA*

POLISH HARVEST (DOŻYNKI) FESTIVAL will be held on the parish grounds **TODAY** from 12:00 PM till 6:00 PM, **Holy Mother of Sorrows**, 212 Wyoming Ave., **Dupont, PA.** Blessing of the harvest wreath at 12:00 PM. Live entertainment (Joe Lastovica and Polka Punch) from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Homemade Polish Food (potato pancakes, pierogi, golabki, haluski, kielbasa as well as hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, clam chowder, funnel cakes, baked goods. Basket raffles, jar games, instant bingo and more!

APARTMENT for RENT – The **first-floor apartment** at 1115 Pittston Ave. is available for rent. 2 bedrooms/dining room/ kitchen & full bath. Off street parking available. Anyone interested please call Ed Borek at the Parish Office 570-961-9231.

SPOJNIA SUNDAY – September 22, 2019 shall commemorate the historic association of the PNU and Polish National Catholic Church and serve as reaffirmation of the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. *Article XXVI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish National Union.* As the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary, visit the web site www.pnu.org, or call the PNU Home Office at 800-724-6352 for more information.

POLISH NATIONAL UNION of AMERICA DISTRICT 1 is holding a **Dine to Donate** fundraiser at the **Texas Roadhouse in Dickson City on Thursday, September 19 from 3pm-10pm.** Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food bill to District 1 when you give them the invitation which can be found in the church hall. You could also show them the invitation on your phone. The invitation can be found on the Polish National Union of America Facebook page. Thank you for your support. See you then!

2019 Education and Youth Commission Raffle – The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. **The raffle will be held on December 5th, 2019 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.**

First Prize – \$400 cash
Second Prize – Amazon Echo
Third Prize – \$100 cash

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we continue to support the ministries of this commission to benefit our youth. Monetary donations are always graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address:

Education and Youth Commission of the PNU
c/o Mary Ann Stankowski
1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505
(checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).

Thank you, and if you are interested in tickets they are available in your parish halls, PNU Home Office, or just contact Mary Ann Stankowski at 570-341-0986, or eyc@pnu.org.

YMS of R GROVE RENTAL – Reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2019! If you would like to reserve the YMS of R Grove for a summer outing, please contact Artie Golembeski at [570-575-5231](tel:570-575-5231) or via email at artbowl@msn.com. Spots are filling up fast. So if you have a family reunion or a birthday party coming up, why not reserve the grove for the day.

FLOWER FUND – is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Checks should be made out to the ANS Flower Fund and can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Any questions contact Connie Tellep at jtellep@nep.net or [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409).

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **cereal** on Sunday, **September 15th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Sept 8** – Stephen & Brenda Karsnak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Sept 9** – Stanley Zigmont; **Sept 10** – Edward Borek; **Sept 12** – Zachary Stankowski; **Sept 13** – Andrew Doyle, Adam Weaver, Albert McConnell

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **September 6th** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Paulette Wincovich

FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiwicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chet Nezelkewicz, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, September 9

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, September 10

8:30 am – sp. Robert & Florence Ostroski by Kowalski & Adams families

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, September 12

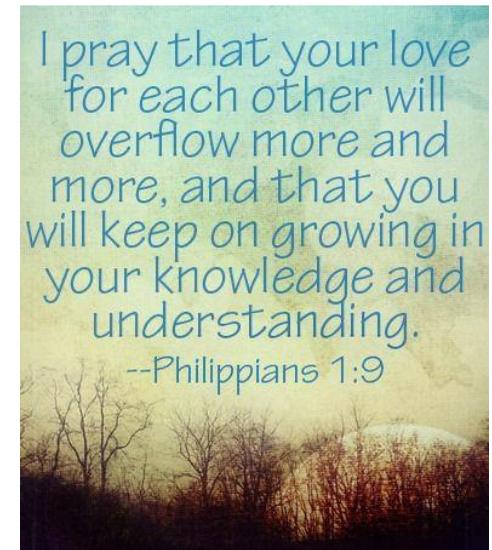
8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, September 13

8:30 – Mass of the day

Saturday, September 14

8:30 am – sp. Cheryl Repecki by parents



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



A Beautiful Reminiscence

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

Sharing Our Gifts at Home and in the Parish

By Fr. Scott and Shelley Lill

“Now there are different gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of work, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.” ~1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

While St. Paul was speaking primarily of spiritual gifts in the passage above, the same can really be said about the unique and personal talents that God gives to each one of us. While every person has unique abilities with which the Lord has gifted him or her, they are all granted for a common purpose: to use them for everyone’s good. Sometimes we may be tempted to use our special gifts only for our own benefit, but we know that this would not be pleasing to the Lord who gave them to us. Instead, we are all called to selflessly apply these talents throughout all the areas of our everyday lives, and are reminded that when we do so, wonderful things happen.

First, we actively express our thanks to the One who so generously bestowed such gifts upon us. To use them selfishly or, perhaps worse, to neglect using them at all, would be very ungrateful. When we use them, we are thanking God for our own special talents.

Second, whenever we use our gifts and talents to help others we are actually serving as co-workers with God whose work of sustaining and renewing creation in Christ continues in a wonderful way through us. In this way, the Holy Spirit is active in the world and we are his instruments.

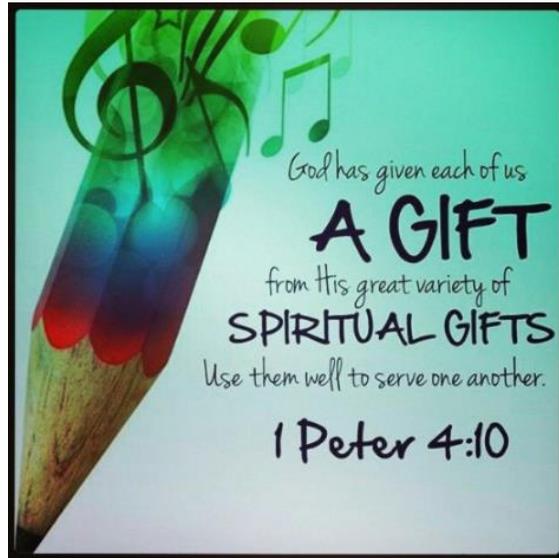
Finally, putting our special gifts into good use leads to our receiving the wonderful fruits of the Holy Spirit among which are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). Overall, whenever we generously use the special gifts that we have received from God, we are helping Him transform the still-fallen world, a little bit at a time, while we ourselves are also changed for the better. We become more holy, which also means we become happier because we are more fully becoming the people He made us to be.

Before we can ever really use these gifts, however, we first need to discern them and then begin to hone them. All of this begins at home within the family. Parents should pray with their children, from a very early age, teaching them to continually ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to them their own unique abilities and how He wants them to use these talents. Many times, adults ask children, “what do you want to be when you grow up?” For us as Christians, however, the question should really be this: “what do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?” Prayerfully helping them begin recognizing their own giftedness and wondering why God may have given them such abilities is a first way by which parents help their children discern their lives’ vocations. This is really a life-long process that begins slowly in childhood, gradually flowers over time as children mature and develop within the family as each gift revealed by God at just the right moment in accord with his plan.

Once personal gifts are acknowledged, even if only partially at first, parents can lead their children in giving thanks to God for such talents and immediately start to encourage them to accept them with gratitude. This really means *inspiring them to start using them*. Parents can have creative conversations with their children to guide them—but not dictate to them—to some particular ways to use them within the home for the whole family’s benefit. This is a great way for children to not only recognize but start to polish their gifts and perfect their talents, while beginning to see the positive impact they can have in the lives of others and starting to experience the great joy that comes from this. Then, with a special contributing role initiated within the family, these unique skills can naturally be extended and put to good use in the life of the parish family. Here are just a few practical examples to demonstrate this:

- *In a family with a younger child who may exhibit a talent for singing and who really seems to enjoy it, the parents can help him or her realize this and then gently nudge them toward sharing it with everyone else, by giving them the honor of leading carols at the family’s Christmas Eve Wigilia. Over time, encouraged by the other family members’ recognition of their special talent and growing in their self-confidence, this gift can eventually be shared in the parish as a member of the youth or adult choirs or even as a cantor.*
- *With a child who may be a bit older and who demonstrates an artistic ability, parents can help him or her recognize this and start to use it, perhaps by drawing pictures to cheer up members of the family who are ill. As the talent is honed and the child personally sees the benefits of sharing it, they can be asked to help make seasonal decorations for S.O.C.L. bulletin boards or crafting homemade cards for the parish’s shut-ins.*

- *Should a family have a (pre)teenager who demonstrates a blossoming talent for leadership or emerging organizational skills, mom and dad can celebrate this as a gift from God and ask him or her to assist in getting younger siblings ready for school by organizing back packs or packing lunches. As this ability matures, they could then assume officer roles in the parish's youth association, help as S.O.C.L. assistants, or lend a much-needed hand in organizing the parish's book cases or office space.*



There are as many opportunities as there are children and gifts. As should be clear by now, however, *the role of the parents is of paramount importance*. Far be it from them to ever discourage their children from using their special talents, parents are the first and enduring source of grateful self-confidence for their children. They are entrusted by God with the weighty and yet joyful duty of guiding them to clearly recognize, diligently develop and begin to use their unique abilities to His glory and for the benefit of others. While this starts at home and then naturally moves into the parish, their endeavors will eventually start to bear fruit throughout every aspect of their lives, as the Lord works with them and through them in ways previously unimagined.

The greatest and most important way that parents can fulfill this responsibility, though, is by *setting a good example for their children*. They themselves must constantly look for as-yet uncovered gifts that God has bestowed upon them, never being afraid to learn something new or to practice unmastered skills, and *to share their own gifts with the family at home and in the parish family*. While moms and dads *could* simply remind their children to pray for guidance in this every day, it's far better when the whole family prays *together* in this way. The whole family—parents and children—together all asking the Lord of Glory, the Giver of all good gifts, to show them *all* exactly how they should use their special talents serve Him and his people that day. As we continue our journey in this Polish National Catholic Year of the Family, this would be a great spiritual practice for each family to embrace. It

would engender within us all a deeper, more humble gratitude to the Lord for the abundant talents with which we are all uniquely graced, and remind us that we are all commissioned to use these gifts to praise their Giver by generously serving his people everywhere.

The Synod of our Holy Church is one month away – let us pray for this Holy Gathering.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we prepare to gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church.

We are encouraging all our parishes to please keep in your prayers our upcoming Holy Synod now just one month away. In preparation for our Holy Synod we are asking for you to share with our committee pictures and testimonials from successes that you have experienced as you implemented the future direction over these past four years. Please email them to FutureDirection@pncc.org

We hope you share the gifts God has given you for the good of your family, parish and our Holy Church. Have a blessed first month of fall.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*

Today we pray
for the families
and remember
the victims of
9/11.

