

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019



**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

SOCL Class 10:45 am

### MONDAY, October 7<sup>th</sup>

NO Bible Study today

### TUESDAY, October 8<sup>th</sup>

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

6:30 pm – YMS of R monthly meeting (see announcement)

### THURSDAY, October 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm - Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### SATURDAY, October 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – Confirmation class

10:30 am – First Communion class

### NEXT SUNDAY, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Christian Family

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

**11:00 am** Adult Forum Session of the SOCL year

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**THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY** will meet in the church library on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. We have much work to do and we could use a few more members. One donates only a few hours each month. We invite you to drop in to our meeting to see what we are doing. Hope to see you there!

**YMS of R MEETING** – On Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> the monthly meeting of Branch 1 YMS of R will be held at 6:30 pm at the YMS of R Park. We will do some cleaning up to close the Park for the season with our meeting to follow.

**ANS THANK YOU** – The ANS Sodality would like to offer their heartfelt praise & grateful thanks to our sisters, Shirley Golembeski & Lorraine Hill for September Altar Care!!! We pray to the Holy Spirit to BLESS these "Earth Angels of The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society" for their dedication to the care of our beautiful cathedral & their years as awesome members of our society!!! These 2 wonderful women never fail to spread their angel wings & fly around the PNCC & our Youth Center.....always steadfast & making time for all our cathedral needs & functions!!!! Blessed to have you both in our lives Lorraine & Shirley!!! Thank you, *Kathy Michalina*

**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.

**NEW CONVECTION OVEN** – The new convection oven is on the way! Thank you for your donations: Anonymous donations of \$1000 and \$500; The ladies of the ANS Catering Service \$2000; St. Stanislaus UYA \$700, we have such wonderful young people at St. Stanislaus; The family of Marie Scherer \$500, I know Marie is smiling in heaven; Parishioners, Ed Borek, June Sarnoski; Coffee hour donations from the International Bishops' Conference; One Hot Meal \$250. Thank you Lorne Notari, who literally went hat-in-hand at the Flea Market to raise the extra \$1,100 when the price of the oven went up. God Bless You All! *Sue Techmanski*

**ANS UPDATES** – Our Cathedral Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society will be sponsoring A **Basket Raffle Drawing** of approximately 3 - 5 baskets will be held on **October 25th** in conjunction with the Special Synod that day. Contributions for these baskets may be made from among any on the following categories: Cash, Gift Cards, Liquor or Lottery Tickets. Perhaps a business is known to you that would be inclined to donate towards this effort as well. If so, please contact, Debbie Godek, Eve Hughes or Kathy Michalina with this information. ALSO, our Adoration Society will be holding a **300 CLUB DRAWING** at \$20 per ticket beginning December 1, 2019 through February 2, 2020 after each 9:30 Mass. Eligibility is for 10 weeks regardless if you win on any given week. Weekly Drawings are: 1 @ \$ 100.00 – 2 @ \$ 50.00 – 4 @ \$ 25.00.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – SAVE THE DATE** – For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, St. Stanislaus UYA is partnering with Wreaths Across America to support their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach about America's veterans. On December 14, 2019, we will have a wreath-laying ceremony at our cemetery on Kane Street in conjunction with ones occurring at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

We will be accepting donations now through December 14th so that each veteran at rest in our cemetery will be honored and remembered. You can make a donation in memory of your loved one who was a veteran or just make a general donation toward the cost of the many wreaths that are placed on every veterans' grave at our cemetery.

We hope you will support this effort by donating \$15 to sponsor a wreath in honor of or in memory of an American hero and show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We would also ask for your participation on that Saturday to help lay the many wreaths for our veterans.

The UYA will have a table set up after each 9:30 mass now through the end of November to accept donations. Checks can be made payable to **St. Stanislaus Cathedral UYA**. You may also send in your donations to the Parish Office, Attention Wreaths Across America.

You can contact Maria Hughes or any UYA member for more information. To read more about Wreaths Across America's mission, go to [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org). Thank you in advance for your contribution and help with this important project.

**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.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.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 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The floral pieces adorning the cathedral today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Frank Walter, Catherine & Walter Rybak, Zigmund & Blanche Fornaszewski, Peter & Joanne Arvonio & Carl Bianch, father and grandparents of Miranda & Peter Arvonio.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **spaghetti sauce** on Sunday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **Oct 7** – Angelo & Joann Valvano, Ralph & Mary Lou Crispino; **Oct 11** – Raymond & Deborah Godek

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Oct 8**- Maria Hughes; **Oct 11** – Dan Zahorsky, Jr., Lewis Edwards, Andrew Edwards, Elizabeth Pfohl, Kevin (Freddie) McConlogue, Sr.; **Oct 12** – Constance Tellep

***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

**Wednesday, October 9**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, October 10**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Saturday, October 12**

8:30 am – sp. Amelia Liska by  
Mitzie Kotula, Catherine &  
Jimmy Gallagher

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – October 4<sup>th</sup>** – \*Mt. View:  
Rosalie Aebli, Paulette Wincovich

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

## PNCC Future Direction October 2019 Message: The Cost of Discipleship

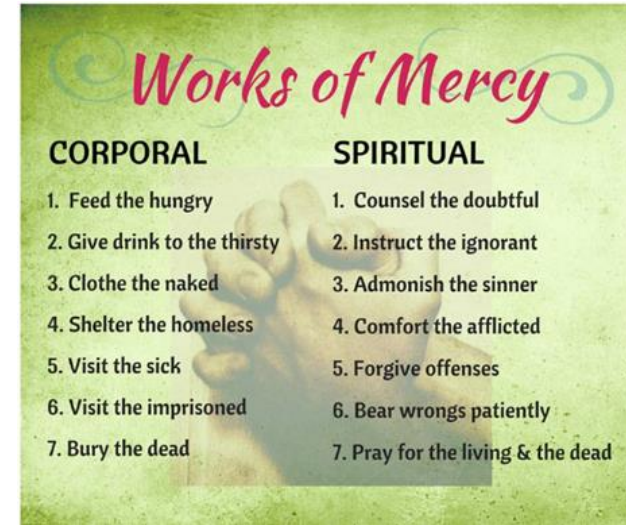
It is not going to be easy, but it is going to be worth it! Jesus said to them all: *“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”* Luke 9:23

So as we begin October we are in our tenth month of a renewed focus and dedication to become better and more faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I ask you a question Bishop Mack posed in a recent article: “What have you accomplished?”



Are you picking up the cross daily and following Jesus? Are you denying yourself? Our Lord didn't say sit back and relax and say all is going to be easy because you are my disciples. But rather we are to go out and live and spread the Gospel of Salvation. And we do this even more so with our actions and our choices more so than our words. Being a disciple of our Lord is taking the road less traveled, the narrow way, the way that puts God and others before self, the way that chooses to do for others before worrying about oneself. Jesus needs to be the standard – the example we follow in our life! *After Jesus had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”* John 13:12-15

Being a disciple of our Lord can cost you much – friends, even family, comfort and worldly pleasures, but if we live our lives in loving service as our Lord's disciples then we will find true purpose, meaning and happiness in our life. Even as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family this month, we are reminded by Jesus who our brothers and sisters are. *“While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”* Matthew 12:46-50



Our society and world tell us in so many ways to take care of yourself first and don't worry about taking responsibility for things – a message diametrically opposed to the Gospel and teaching of Jesus. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father but through Him (John 14:6). So, what sacrifices have we made to grow closer to Jesus? To become a more genuine Disciple? As disciples we are all to preach the Gospel and only use words when necessary. Are we doing this?

Also, during the month of October, the Church honors our Blessed Mother and celebrates the Solemnity of our Holy Mother of the Rosary. Attached is a reflection: To Imitate and Obtain: The Rosary within Family Discipleship. Thanks to Rev. Scott Lill for this meaningful reflection. Let us make sure that as our Lord's disciples we pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

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. Like us, follow and share 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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Let our discipleship be a clear example to others that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Let us follow Him faithfully regardless of the cost.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee  
Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop  
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman



## To Imitate and Obtain: The Rosary within Family Discipleship

by Rev. Scott J. Lill

In the preface for Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Christian Family, the priest gives thanks and praise to God the eternal Father because He sent his Son “into the world to teach us the sanctity of human love and show us the value of family life.” In these few words, the Church acknowledges the wondrous and profoundly beautiful truth that God the Son entered the world as its Redeemer precisely by *willingly becoming a member of a family*. Think about that: God thought so much of the human family that He became an immediate member of one, and in doing so, consecrated family life, elevated it to a supernatural dignity and established it as the first school of discipleship.

We all know that the Lord Jesus, his most Blessed Mother and St. Joseph together form the Holy Family and as the child in the family, Jesus was all in, so to speak! Scripture tells us He was “obedient to them” (Luke 2:51) and we know that it was within the everyday happenings of family life that Jesus “advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (2:52). Within the Holy Family, God sought and received the greatest measure of human cooperation so that his full plan for our sanctification and eventual glorification, “hidden from ages and from generations past,” might finally be revealed and begin to move toward its consummation (Colossians 1:26).

In the story of the Holy Family, we find the gradual emergence of a new *pathway of virtue and holiness* blazed by the Lord and travelled faithfully from the start by his Mother and righteous foster father as well. From within their family life, however, this road began to stretch outward, and while his Blessed Mother continued to travel it without fail even as St. Joseph’s journey in this world came to an end, others also accepted Jesus’ invitation to follow Him, beginning to accompany Him throughout his public ministry, journeying with Him toward his Passion, Death and Resurrection and then, after his glorious Ascension, racing headlong into the world to carry out the Great Commission of the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the very same *pathway of virtue and holiness* that every Christian is called to walk, this is to be the daily story of our discipleship: to follow Jesus faithfully as others have before us. We find the road map to do this in the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Every Mystery of the Rosary contains a piece of the Lord’s labors on our behalf, and when we reflect upon them, we come to understand more fully the depths of Jesus’ perfect obedience to the Father and his limitless love for us. We *also* see that it is indeed possible to answer his call to follow, as we acknowledge our forebears in the faith working diligently to become more like Him each step of the way. Let us consider, for instance, the humble trust of the Blessed Mother—the first and greatest disciple—at the Annunciation or the piety of St. Joseph when the Lord was Presented in the Temple. Again, ponder the compassion that an interceding Mother showed at the Wedding Feast at Cana or the holy fear shown by the Apostles at the Lord’s Transfiguration. Behold the obedient surrender of the Lord Himself when in Gethsemane or the brave faithfulness of the Blessed Mother, the Beloved Disciple and the faithful Women Disciples present at the foot of his Cross. Meditate upon the generous compassion of St. Joseph of Arimathea and St. Nicodemus removing our Lord’s body from the Cross and providing the tomb and burial spices, and then see the loving reverence demonstrated by St. Mary

Magdalene and the other myrrh-bearing women as they approached the tomb on Easter Sunday. Finally, rejoice with the Mother of God as she receives the faithful disciple’s reward of participating in her Son’s Resurrection and humbly receiving the unfading crown of heavenly glory—indeed, reaching the final destination at the end of *the pathway of virtue and holiness*.

The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary recount the work that the Lord Jesus, God the Son who emptied Himself of eternal glory and assumed our nature, undertook to reconcile us to the Father and to bestow the Holy Spirit and also how others responded by cooperating in that wondrous undertaking. When we prayerfully contemplate them while reciting the prayers represented by the beads, we come to more clearly see the road of discipleship as it was travelled by the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and all the other disciples before us. We hear the call to embrace the challenge of discipleship, to take up our own crosses and become faithful coworkers with Him to proclaim the Gospel and build the Kingdom. In this sense, the Holy Rosary is not just a form of prayer; it becomes our way of life.

Just as the Father’s plan for our salvation took shape and the universal pathway of discipleship was illumined within the Holy Family, so God’s plan for each of us and our earliest formation as disciples takes place within our individual families. Therefore, during this month when we pay special attention to the great value of the Rosary, all of the families within the Church should make (or reaffirm) their commitment to praying the Holy Rosary together every day. There is no more powerful a way—save attending and participating in the Holy Mass together every Sunday and on other holy days—to grow as disciples of Jesus together...to clearly see and gain the grace to walk *the pathway of virtue and holiness* as exemplified by the Lord and the others who have gone before us...to live the very Mysteries contained therein that “we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise”...and thus to more fully become a truly Christian Family.

