Christian Family as Seminary

So – would your family say there is a seminary IN your home? Or – would they also say your home IS a seminary? (DEFINITION: seminary - a college that prepares students to be priests, ministers, or rabbis.) I ask this because Sunday the 13th this month is designated as the PNCC Solemnity of the Christian Family where we emphasize the truth that parents have a big impact on their children in general, and especially when it comes to religion and morality. The reason this is so, you ask? Well. It’s because kids often model what they see. Now, even though teenagers crave independence and often rebel against their parents, many still respect the morals and belief systems they grew up with. Many uphold those same values and religious beliefs as the adults in their life, and actually raise their children with similar standards!

Religious Service Attendance

Parents can affect their children’s religious beliefs by attending religious services regularly. Young adults report that two of the most powerful factors that influenced their religious beliefs were the religious lives of their parents and how often they attended religious services with their parents during their childhood and teen years, says Christian Smith and Patricia Snell in their book, “Souls in Transition.” Children and teens learn about religious doctrine and morality from pastors and religious leaders, but more importantly, they uphold those values because they first absorb them then model the beliefs and attitudes their parents modeled and demonstrated.

Spiritual Example at Home

Children and teens are perceptive and impressionable, so they pay close attention to their parent’s behavior. When they see their parents (1) praying, (2) reading religious materials, (3) watching religious TV shows, (4) giving to those in need, (5) treating friends and family with respect, (6) dealing honestly with others, (7) showing integrity and (8) demonstrating love and compassion, they often mimic those same behaviors. They might attend religious events or support ministry opportunities because they see and respect their parent’s involvement. However, the reverse is also true. Children who see their parent’s hypocrisy, or lack of interest in religion and religious education as I see among us here might also follow those same lifestyle patterns.

Moral Choices

Children view parents as role models and mentors and are influenced by their moral choices. True, parents often make mistakes. So it’s important to share failures and successes with their kids, so their children understand and respect their moral values, despite imperfections and shortcomings. Parents who (1) appreciate others, (2) show generosity, (3) act with fairness and (4) uphold mature ideals help children and teens make wise moral choices, writes psychologist Richard Weissbourd on the Psychology Today website. When children view their parents as moral, honest, devoted individuals, they are more likely to practice the same behavior.

Child’s Behavior

Religious parents can have a positive effect on their children’s conduct. Richard Petts, a sociologist at Ball State University in Indiana, reports that children with two parents who frequently attend religious services, children raised by a religious single mom, and kids in married families with only a religious mother are the least likely to act out, according to the Live Science website. Children raised in these homes are less likely to engage in physical fighting, arguing and bullying.

So on this uniquely PNCC Solemnity of the Christian Family it’s well for us to realize that our Cathedral families are real Polish National Catholic seminaries, no less so than the one in the corner of Cedar and Elm in Scranton. For the expansion of the Kingdom of God, for the benefit of his holy Church and for the spiritual strength of our children, it’s Christian families in tandem with Parish Christian formation efforts who are our children’s faith developers - and faith maintainers.
SOCL Begins

Sunday, September 22nd was the first day of the new Sunday School year. The teachers met their new students in the Library and then went to their own classrooms in the Youth Center and the Preschool-Kindergarten stayed in the Library.

K/Kdg. Are starting lessons on the Creation story. To begin the first lesson each student became creators using play dough. The lessons will continue for the next weeks with one day per lesson.

The Pre-K/Kdg. Are starting lessons on the Creation story. To begin the first lesson each student became creators using play dough. The lessons will continue for the next weeks with one day per lesson.

The 1st-2nd graders started their new year with lessons about the Lord’s Prayer. The Special Needs Class is beginning their year with classes about Bible stories.

It is never too late to join the fun at SOCL or the Adult Forum. Come and experience a class with any grade and grow in the Faith of Our Lord.

Season Finale for the Chicken BBQ

The last Chicken BBQ for the season was held September 14th and was another successful event. Thank you to everyone who supported this event the whole season from the patrons who purchased the dinners to everyone who spent their time and efforts in preparation and working the day of.

Special thanks to the ladies who helped who were never in any of the other pictures. You know the saying that behind every good man is a good woman. Well behind every good BBQ are these ladies.

Thank you again for a great season.
Synod This Month

On Friday, October 25th, the Special Synod to elect bishops for the PNCC will begin with Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Please join in the celebration of Holy Mass to begin the Synod.

Help will also be needed in the Youth Center to serve the delegates their nourishment during the day. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish office or one of the members of the ANS Catering.

Please keep the clergy and delegates to the Special Synod in your prayers, that they may make wise decisions in the selection of bishops for the Polish National Catholic Church.

ANS Raffles

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.

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.

For raffles tickets for either raffle, contact any ANS member or call the Parish Office.

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

Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts

The words of Prime Bishop Anthony to us from two years ago, are sadly relevant again regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and along our country’s southeastern seaboard. At that time the Primate encouraged “all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died.” As we did then, we can today take those words to heart, and, as the Primate stated, “It is also now time to put our Christian faith into action to help those who are in need.” Toward that end, three viable charitable organizations are listed below for us to individually contribute to in their relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Dorian. Please be as generous as you can. The American Red Cross - www.redcross.org/Hurricane/Dorian

Samaritan’s Purse - www.samaritanspurse.org/
Salvation Army - https://give.helpsalvationarmy.org/give/166081/#/donation/checkout
Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

Seventeen Polish National Catholic pilgrims joined us on September 22nd for worship at 9:30. These pilgrims made their way from Connecticut to the See of the PNCC and the Central Diocese. They represent the Adult Class of the School of Christian Living at Holy Saviour Parish in Naugatuck, CT with Father Paul Dudek and his wife. This Adult Class had been studying the history of the PNCC and its members felt it would be very worthwhile to visit St. Stanislaus to experience those places and areas they had only seen in writing.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the Cathedral Chorale, directed by Beth Howden, enhanced the mass with the help of Josh Stankowski on the viola.

We were glad to welcome our visitors into our fellowship!!

Thank You from Our Visitors

Dear Prime Bishop Anthony and Bishop Bernard,

WOW, what wonderful memories were made on Sunday, September 22, 2019, for seventeen members of Holy Saviour Parish! From our 6:00 AM departure until our 7:00 PM return, we were truly blessed by our Lord. Our “pilgrimage” to Scranton exceeded my highest hopes!

Upon our arrival at the cathedral, we were immediately greeted in the warmest manner by a smiling Lu Ann. At the start of the Mass, Bp. Bernard graciously welcomed us to Scranton. Fr. Tom along with the choir celebrated an inspiring Mass. We appreciated Bp. Bernard taking the time to meet with us and explain some things about the cathedral and the history of the Polish National Catholic Church. Parish Chairman, Ed, then showed us the youth center after which we travelled to the cemetery and were able to go inside of Prime Bishop Hodur’s Mausoleum. We then went to the National Church Center where my longtime friend, Roger Seliga, gave us a tour. On our way to have an enjoyable lunch at a nearby Panera Bread Restaurant, we drove past the seminary and the church that we “broke away from” in 1897. On our return to Connecticut, we travelled to Waymart and were able to tour the retreat center and Pr. Bp. Hodur’s little house. Can’t think of anything that we missed.......

On behalf of those who made the trip, I wish to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ for going to great measures to make our trip so fruitful and enjoyable. I am sure that we will be looking back fondly on this visit for a long time to come. Please share these sentiments with all those that helped out in any way.

Sincerely, Ken Krasko,
Vice Chairman, Holy Saviour Parish
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. 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.

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.

Prayer for a College Student
Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.

As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.

As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears.

As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You.

Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.

Amen.
Wreaths Across America – Save the Date

For the 2nd 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 wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Thank you in advance for your contribution and help with this important project.

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
Mark Your Calendars!

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

**October 5th** - One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer
Central ANS One Day Women’s Retreat in the parish 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**October 13th** – Solemnity of Christian Family

**October 18th-20th** – YMS of R Convention, Schenectady, NY

**October 25th** – Special Synod of the PNCC to be held at our parish to elect Candidates for Bishop.
Mass at 8:00 a.m.

**November 1** – All Saints Day
Holy Mass at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**November 2** – All Souls Day
Holy Mass at Noon and Services at the Cemetery 7:00 p.m.
One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer

**November 28** – Thanksgiving Day

**November 30** – Seniorate Advent Penitential Services
11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral

**December 1st** – First Sunday in Advent

**December 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

**December 8th** – Breakfast with Santa after the 9:30 a.m. Mass

**December 24th** – Christmas Eve
3:00 pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Living Nativity
10:30 pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Mass of the Shepherds: Pasterka

**December 25th** – Christmas Day
10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral
10:30 am – Holy Mass, Tripp Park Chapel

**December 26th** – Feast of St. Stephen
10:00 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

**December 27th** – Feast of St. John
10:00 am – Holy Mass Cathedral, wine blessed and distributed

**December 29th** – Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds
8:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral
10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral
11:15 am – Holy Mass, Tripp Park Chapel

**December 31st** – 7:00 p.m. Mass at Close of the Year, Cathedral, lower chapel

**January 1st** – Circumcision of Our Lord

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**October Anniversaries**

Oct 3 – Arthur & Denise Golembeski
Oct 5 – Joseph & Marlene Yaron
Oct 7 – Angelo & Joann Valvano
Ralph & Mary Lou Crispino
Oct 11 – Raymond & Deborah Godek
Oct 23 – Robert & Joan Bogdanski

**October Birthdays**

Oct 1 – Bernie Kalteski
Oct 4 – Mac Stankowski
Paul Kowalski, Jr.
Oct 5 – Samuel Raub
Oct 8 – Maria Hughes
Oct 11 – Dan Zahorsky, Jr.
Lewis Edwards
Andrew Edwards
Elizabeth Pfohl
Kevin (Freddie) McConlogue

Oct 12 – Constance Tellep
Oct 13 – Joshua Stankowski
Arlene Jarocko
Matthew Pfohl
Oct 15 – Peter Arvonio III
Oct 16 – Mary Lou Crispino
Oct 19 – Alexander Zygmunt
Oct 21 – Patty Golembeski
Oct 24 – Frank Gerardi
Oct 25 – Joan Bogdanski
Oct 27 – Joyce Pietrzylko
Oct 30 – Braelyn Reed