Sooo – have you seen any saints recently?
I’m sure you’re aware that the Western Catholic Church put together particular requirements for sainthood like testimony about the holy lives they lived and about proof of any miracles they might have performed in the lives of some of the faithful.

But I think a lot of saints are the people who touch our lives in deep and personal ways. You may even know some like these. These people are the ones who help us find our way. They are the ones who give us an example of living by faith in good times and hard. They are the ones who find a way to be loving despite the temptation to be hateful. These are the everyday people in our midst, call them saints if you will, who have found something in their lives that we want in our own.

They have found a way to practice love, so that love becomes a strength in everyday life. They are the ones who say over and over again, “here I am.” When you think of it, the saints are the people you and I can call when our lives seem to be falling apart, and when anxieties and fears overwhelm us. And further, over time, we can actually remember what they would say to us if they were still with us because their gift of mercy and grace to us never died with them.

Bottom line, the saintly people we can experience are faithful to the Giver of Life. They are the ones who show us how God is in the midst of all of life. They show us how all relationships and all things are parts of the Giver’s Gift. At the same time these saintly people are not perfect – not by a long shot. They fall short; and when they do, they ask forgiveness, they receive mercy, and they try again … and so should we.

The question is, will we follow the saints and these saintly people in our midst who admit their wrongdoings, who seek right relationship again, who receive the gift of mercy for themselves, and who try again to live in harmony with God’s creating spirit? Will we follow them?

If we do follow on the path of these saintly people in our midst, then we’ll find ourselves to be a part of God’s blessing to others. Simply put, this is the pathway that the saints show us, and encourage us to take.

As we remember and celebrate the saints, we ourselves would do well to strive to be saintly in our role as teacher, executive, or doctor; in our role as lawyer, judge, or garbage person; dishwasher, farm worker or cashier; in our roles within our families, our friendships, and with others - as we reveal to them the Compassionate One, who is the very Heart of our heart, and the Life of our life.

Sooo - who are the saintly ones around you? Any chance you yourself are like them?

Bishop Bernard
At Any Age, At Any Stage, Celebrating the Christian Life
On Saturday, October 5th, St. Stanislaus Cathedral was host parish for the Central Diocesan ANS One Day Women’s Retreat.

Over 50 participants from all areas of the Central Diocese shared the inspiring experience with the Friends of the Heart. Unfortunately, one of the members of the group had taken ill and Marcella Kotula Miller from Holy Mother of Sorrows graciously agreed to be a substitute for the character “Hyacinth Bucket” (pronounce that Boo-Kay)!

The retreat’s aim was to help women accept each stage of their Christian life. It began with a continental breakfast, followed by opening remarks from Bishop Bernard Nowicki. During the retreat various monologues, songs, skits and discussions were included to encourage and inspire all in attendance.

From the evaluation forms, it seemed like everyone had an uplifting experience and are looking forward to future retreats.

One Hot Meal
We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Penn State Scranton students who helped us out at our monthly One Hot Meal in October at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. Your kindness, hard work, and smiles made our day!! You and any other students are always welcome to come back and help out!!

ANS 300 Club
Our Cathedral Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 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. Tickets are available from any ANS Member, in the church hall on Sunday, or in the church office during the week!

Please support this organization which does many things in our Cathedral.
Congratulations Peter and Miranda

Friday, October 4th, Peter Arvonio III and Miranda Rybak were joined in Holy Matrimony by Bishop Bernard Nowicki. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Arvonio Jr. and Miranda is the daughter of Atty. and Mrs. Robert Cecchini.

Peter is our newly elected treasurer and Miranda is a member of the Cathedral Chorale and a SOCL teacher.

To honor a fellow member, the Cathedral Chorale sang for Holy Mass and performed a special anthem, “May the Light of Christ”, during the Offertory.

After the vows and blessing and exchanging of rings, Peter and Miranda added something new; God’s Knot Ceremony, which is the braiding of three cords. One is for the groom; one is for the bride and one is for God. The braiding represents that two Christians that are bound together in Christ are stronger than the individuals themselves. “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves, a cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

Congratulations to Peter and Miranda and may God bless them with many happy years together.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16

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.

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.
SOCL News

The Special Needs Class of the SOCL had a special treat this month. Father Janusz and Kim Lucarz treated some of the students to a field trip to Ritter’s Farm. They enjoyed the hayride, apple sling and even had a ride on a horse. Everyone really enjoyed the sunny day!

The PreK and Kindergarten class are finishing up the Creation Story lessons and for the Day 6 activity, they got to make a marshmallow man. They also finished learning their song “God Created” for all seven days sung to the tune of “Are You Sleeping.” Stay tuned for further SOCL adventures.

Another Baby is Splashed!

Karter Bidwell was welcomed into the Christian faith on Sunday, October 27th. Karter is the daughter of Billy and Kelsey Bidwell. Godparents were Alesia Matylewicz, Brandon Dolan, and Julie Ann Bidwell. Grandparents of Karter are Mark and Sharon Matylewicz and Great Grandparents are Robert and Germaine Matylewicz.

Father Janusz 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 Karter grow in faith.

Congratulations and may God bless little Karter and her family.

Thanksgiving blessings

Gatherings
GRATEFUL
Give Thanks
Family
Prayers
Blessed

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving

Psalms 15:2
Special Synod Elects Bishop

Father Senior Jerry Rafalko of Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church in Kewanee, Illinois was elected as a candidate for bishop at the special Synod held at the Cathedral on October 25th.

The Synod opened Friday morning with Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and co-celebrated by Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Bishop Bernard Nowicki and Prime Bishop Emeritus Joh Swantek. The Cathedral Chorale and Beth Howden, organist, with the help of some choir members from Dickson City, Dupont and the Lithuanian Parish in North Scranton, led the delegates and guests in song during the mass. A special anthem, “To You, Our Creator”, was sung during the Offertory.

After Mass, registration and a continental breakfast was held in the Youth Center. Following this, the Synod got underway with the task of electing candidates for bishop. By 11:30, with the help of the Holy Spirit and electronic balloting, the task was done and Fr. Sr. Rafalko was elected.

A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the ANS Catering and the Synod came to a close.

Congratulations to Fr. Senior Rafalko and may God bless him in his future endeavors as a bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.

90 for 90 Campaign

Members of the Central Diocesan Council, including Bishop Bernard Nowicki and Treasurer Joe Ross, present a check in the sum of $10,000 to Nick Kazinetz, President of the United YMSofR in support of the 90 for 90 Campaign. The United YMSofR started this campaign July 4th of this year to help raise $90,000 in honor of the 90th anniversary of Spojnia Farm and have reached 65% of their goal to date. Members of the United YMSofR would like to thank the Central Diocese for their generous donation. This goal can easily be achieved or surpassed if past campers donate $90 to help the Retreat Center continue its great work.

Donations will be used for improvements at the Bp Hodur Retreat Center including a new playground for younger children, upgraded heating and air conditioning in the dining pavilion, a prayer garden, new audiovisual equipment, upgraded sleeping areas, kitchen improvements and more. If you are interested in helping the United YMSofR reach their goal to continue improving the Bp Hodur Retreat Center, checks can be mailed to:

90 for 90 Campaign
207 Grassy Island Ave, Jessup, PA 18434
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 at Noon, 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 donate 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.

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball News

Sign-ups for the upcoming season are underway. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY 12/13/2019. Forms and information about the league are located downstairs in the church hall, and on the church’s website. Please either mail or drop off the completed forms along with the payment to: Jake Stankowski c/o Southside Floral Shop, 1025 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 18505. The cost for each player is $40.00 and $20.00 for each additional child within the same family (living in the same household). Sign-ups and a short drills and skills session will take place on Friday, December 6th, 2020 and Thursday, December 12th, 2020 in the youth center.

6:30-7:00 p.m. for PreK - 2nd grades
7:00- 7:45 p.m. for 3rd – 8th grades
7:45– 8:30 p.m. for 9th – 11th grades

Games will tentatively start on Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. A schedule of game times and age groups will soon follow. Thank You as always for your support! Any questions please contact Jake Stankowski @ (570-341-

What is Future Direction?

If you noticed, there are posters with red borders hanging throughout the parish and Youth Center with information regarding the Future Direction of the PNCC. It highlights the five themes of:

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Growth and Membership
Increase Spirituality
Lifelong Learning
Sacred Vocations
Community Involvement and Presence

It also provides a focus and action plan for each month to help us grow spiritually, personally and outwardly. Have you seen these? Have you read them? Have you asked your pastor about Future Direction? Do you wonder how you can participate?

Some people grumble our Church doesn’t know where it’s going – there’s no leadership – no one seems to care. All fake news. At the 2014 PNCC Synod, our leadership sat with delegates and asked that big question “What is our direction”? And so, The Future Direction of the PNCC was developed. Again, at the PNCC Synod in 2018, Future Direction was reviewed, updated and continued forward. The PNCC HAS a direction. The question is “Why are you not getting involved with Future Direction”?

Our Church is about more than the properties, renovations and cemeteries. Our Church is about your spiritual growth with Jesus, and to others and to the community in which you live. There’s a phrase that asks something like, “When you pass, what will your history show”? Did you take time to attend Church today or this week? Did you smile and say Hi to everyone in church or throughout the day – or do you attend Church with a grudge toward certain people? Did you spend time to talk with others in Church, or did you pray and run because you’re too busy? Did you get involved at your Church to reach out into the community, inviting others to learn about Jesus, to help those in need, to comfort the elderly or sick? Did you say hi to the youth? Learn their names? Ask them to help you do something? Do you bring your children and grandchildren to Church or Church events? Have you offered positive suggestions or made donations to help your parish reach out into the community?

The PNCC HAS a Future Direction. You can read about it. You can see it on Facebook. You can ask your Pastor and Parish Committee about it. You can be an active part of it with whatever your talents are. Or maybe that’s the big question, “What is YOUR Future Direction with Jesus and the PNCC?”

Bell Ringers Needed!!!

Our hand bells are all refurbished and ready to be played. The only thing we need is more participation. If you think you aren’t musically inclined you are wrong, it is not as hard as it sounds. We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful and talented group of young individuals play amongst us, but unfortunately some of them have moved forward with their education, employment, etc.

We would love to have some new faces and talent join us on Sunday, following the adult forum classes (11:00-11:30). No matter what your age status (preferably 3rd grade & up) – as long as you can determine the distinction between pink and blue dots and count – YOU’RE GOOD!! (Parents and other adults are welcome to come and help point for those younger members too.)

Not only will you have a great time, but you will become a part of the wonderful music ministry here at the Cathedral. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986.

With the support from our Parish Community donations (especially Mr. Gantz), and through the very generous donations made in loving memory of Annette Cimino, I was researching information which will enable us to purchase a set of hand chimes, which will enhance our choir with a different sound.

We look forward to welcoming everyone on Sundays.

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.
**Mark Your Calendars!**

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

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Holy Mass at Noon and 7:00 p.m. |
| November 2 | All Souls Day  
Holy Mass at Noon  
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 | Scranton Seniorate Penitential Services  
11:00 a.m. Lower Chapel |
| December 1 | First Sunday in Advent  
Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel  
One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center  
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer  
Breakfast with Santa after the 9:30 a.m. Mass |
| December 11 | Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel |
| December 14 | Wreaths Across America Ceremony  
at Noon in St. Stanislaus Cemetery  
Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel |
| December 18 | Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel  
Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Living Nativity  
10:30 pm – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Mass of the Shepherds: Pasterka |
| December 24 | Christmas Day  
10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral  
10:30 am – Holy Mass, Tripp Park Chapel |
| December 26 | Feast of St. Stephen  
10:00 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel |
| December 27 | Feast of St. John  
10:00 am – Holy Mass Cathedral  
Wine blessed and distributed  
Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel  
Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds  
8:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral  
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| December 29 | Feast of the Epiphany (anticipated)  
8:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral  
9:30 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral  
11:15 M – Holy Mass, Tripp Park Chapel |
| December 31 | Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel |
| January 1 | Circumcision of Our Lord  
10:00 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel |
| January 4 | One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center  
Come enjoy a meal or be a volunteer  
Basketball starts in the Youth Center 6:30 p.m. |
| January 5 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Music Scholarship Sunday |
| January 10 | Rorate Mass 6:30a.m. Lower Chapel  
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| January 19 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
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| February 1 | One Hot Meal 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Center  
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Patryk Mays  
Christina Sossong  
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Nov 18 – Ashley Godek  
W. Michael Umerich  
Nov 19 – David Kalteski  
Nov 20 – Nicholas Pfahl  
LuAnn Kaszuba  
Nov 21 – Carol Schmidt  
Nov 22 – Frank Adams  
Nov 23 – Giovanni Marchelitis  
Nov 27 – Lorna Notari  
Carol Jankowski  
Nov 28 – Brenda Yaron  
Jordan Aebli