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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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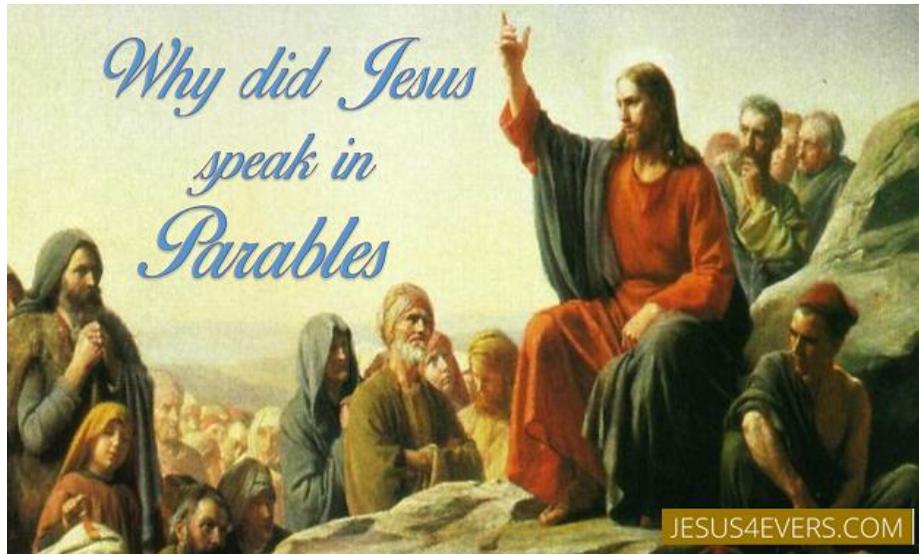
The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass
11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

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Lectors:

7/16 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & M Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

7/23 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Snyder & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

TUESDAY, July 18th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, July 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MUSIC NOTES – A ‘voluntary’ denotes a piece of music, usually for the organ, which is played before or after a service. The term is English in origin and began to be used in the late Renaissance and it is still used today. The *Organ voluntary* by William Boyce features the organ’s trumpet stop though in typical 18th-century style, the lively trumpet movement is preceded by a slow introduction. Samuel Wesley, who is often called ‘the English Mozart’ was a composer and poet. He was the nephew of Charles Wesley, who founded the Methodist Church. His ‘voluntary’ is actually a lively dance: the gavotte originated in France in the 16th century but was popular through the 18th and 19th centuries both as an actual dance and also as a musical composition.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE – The third and final banns is now published for the union in holy matrimony of Kelsie Matylewicz and William Bidwell.

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FLEA MARKET NEWS: Our annual Flea Market will be held August 25, 26, & 27th. This event continues to be one of our most successful fund raisers, thanks to your generosity and support. We will begin to accept drop-offs on Monday July 31st from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The last day for drop-offs is Friday Aug 18th. For more info or to arrange a large item pick-up, call Bernie Kalteski @ [570-842-4261](tel:570-842-4261). Please consider volunteering this year. There will be a brief meeting Sunday July 2nd immediately after the 9:30 Mass for all interested parties.

PNU DISTRICT 1 CHILDREN’S DAY – will be held Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Skyzone trampoline park located at 195 Enterprise Way, Pittston, PA. PNU District 1 and District 8 member children (age 16 and under) pay only \$5.00 (a \$25.00 value). The price includes one hour open jump with pizza and soda afterward. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Reservations must be made by July 17, 2017 and be secured with payment. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP with Joan Scheuneman at 570-344-1513 or executive03@pnu.org. See you at Skyzone!!!

SELL YOUR STUFF – Shop for bargains. St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church will hold a Yard Sale on **SATURDAY AUGUST 19th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. At 200 Stephenson St., Duryea. For **\$10.00** you can rent an 8 foot by 2 foot table space (**You must bring your own table**) to sell your unwanted treasures. The yard sale is open to anyone who would like to sell their stuff. We will have food and beverage all day, as well as door prize, as well as a bake sale. **PLEASE NOTE: VENDERS & CRAFTERS WELCOME.** To reserve a table space phone **570-457-2291**.

THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD – After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... "Lord, it's up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery." And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, **there it was! God is so Good!"**

YMS OF R GROVE RENTAL – Hurry, hurry, hurry, reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2017! 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.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **tooth brush** on Sunday, **July 23rd** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

FLOWER FUND – is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost of Sunday flowers is \$60. 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).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **July 17** – Frank & Jennifer Gerardi

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, July 17

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, July 18

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, July 19

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, July 20

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, July 21

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, July 22

8:00 am – Mass of the day

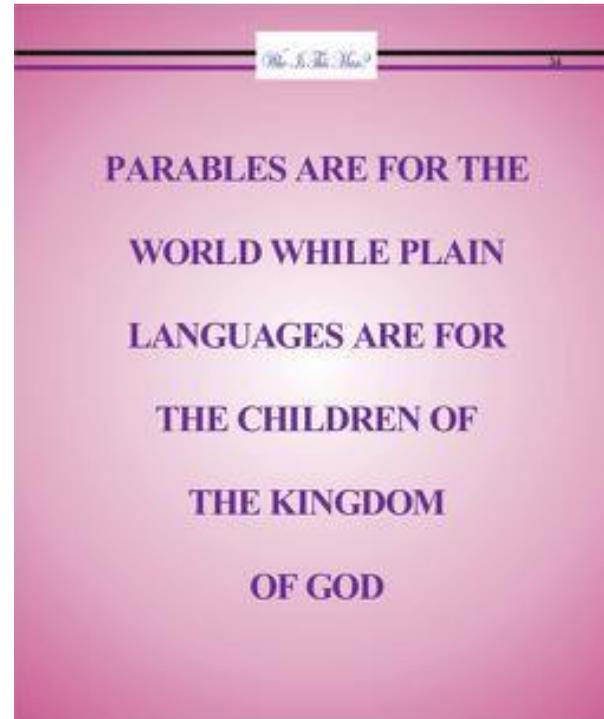
HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **July 21** – Kevin Hughes, Shirley Fox

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **July 14th** –

*Abington: Ann Kazmierczak; *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Jean

Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Ann Seig, Jake Stankowski, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.



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



July 1, 2017

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

As we begin the month of July and are enjoying the summer months of this Year of Commitment, our Holy Church calls to us constant prayer. We thank Fr. Michal Gitner for preparing this month's Future Direction Commitment Message.

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." (Lk 11:1 NASB).

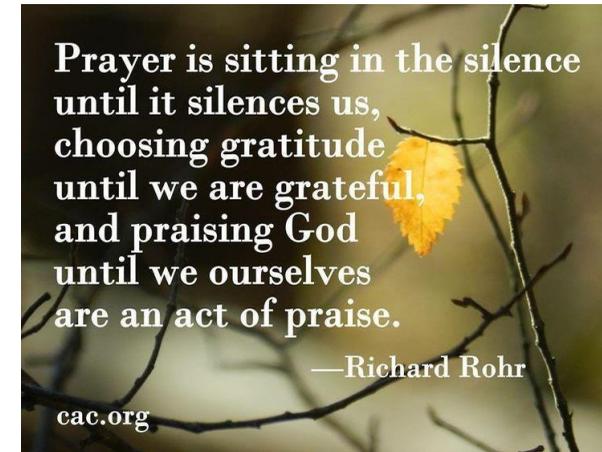
A strange request by Jesus' disciples, one would assume Jewish men familiar with synagogue religious services. Is that a clue that they were asking for something that nobody taught them before? Were they dissatisfied with just 'saying' their prayers or reciting the Psalms?

Most of us have absorbed the idea of prayer as an action, a behavior, a recitation, a private time in which we think devout thoughts - and almost always with the assumption that this somehow pleases God. Sure it does, since God seems to be easily pleased. But the biblical God is seeking and wanting union with us much more than we are seeking union with God. This is the theme of themes of the whole biblical text, or as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel says, "God is seeking man."

When Jesus goes into the desert for forty days (Matthew 4:1–11), he does not recite prayers or read the Hebrew Bible (the printing press had not been invented yet!) The Gospels make no mention of Jesus reciting any formula prayers, except at the Last Supper where he and his disciples likely sung the Hallel, or Psalms 113–118 (Matthew 26:30) at the close of the Passover meal.

However, we read about Jesus "leaving the house early" and "going apart to a lonely place to pray" (Mark 1:35). Could it be that it is much easier to live in this state of conscious, loving union with God when there is nothing else competing for our attention?

Hence, if prayer is understood as conscious loving union with God, and with a person in front of me, then we touch the deepest meaning of it. In that sense prayer becomes a way of being in the world, a stance, a way of connecting.



All prayer is practicing for prayer. No one really knows how to pray, as Paul states "*We cannot choose words to pray properly, so the Spirit expresses our pleas in a way beyond words—and God knows.*" (Romans 8:26–27). Without an inner life, our outer prayer will soon become superficial, ego-centered, and even counter-productive on the spiritual path.

Jesus own teaching on prayer is very direct:

- He warns his followers about the very real dangers of public prayer or "standing up in the synagogues" (Matthew 6:5), as he puts it.
- You should go to your private room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place." (Matthew 6:6)
- "In your prayers, do not babble on as the pagans do, thinking that by using many words they will make themselves be heard. Do not be like them!" (Matthew 6:7)

What all of these teachings of Jesus seem to say is that we probably need “unsaying prayer,” the prayer of quiet or contemplative prayer, to balance out all “saying prayer.”

Jesus never emphasizes posture, timing, or gesture—only intention—which is why we can indeed “pray constantly” (1 Thessalonians 5:16), for it is: **God** is the one who loves and prays through us, **Jesus** shares and participates in this flow with and in his Body (that is us!), and the **Spirit** keeps it all moving, dynamic, alive—and always flowing outward!

(Based on Prayer in the Catholic Tradition: A Handbook of Practical Approaches, Robert J. Wicks by Franciscan Media)



In the Eastern Diocese their Mission and Evangelism commission provides a monthly prayer calendar suggesting topics to pray each day. If you would like more information on this monthly prayer calendar please email us and we will have you added to this list.

Please continue to share with the Future Direction committee the efforts in your parish of implementing the 2017 Action Plan. How are your community service projects going? Let us rejoice in the opportunity God is providing us to put the Holy Gospel into action in our local communities.

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 to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking begun at Holy Synod in your daily prayers – asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. As we continue our our year of commitment 2017 - let us continue and renew our Commitment to Christ and our Holy Catholic and Apostolic PNCC.

May God bless you and may you pray as St. Paul tells us - without ceasing!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

