

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

Low Sunday



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

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

Bishop Bernard is in Philadelphia, PA at St. Valentine's Parish for a pastoral visit

SOCL following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

MONDAY, April 9th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, April 10th

7:00 pm – Branch 1 YMS of R monthly meeting, Youth Center

WEDNESDAY, April 11th

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

THURSDAY, April 12th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, April 14th

NO Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, April 15th, Third Sunday of Easter

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

MUSIC NOTES – Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) was a French organist, choral director, teacher, and composer. He served as choirmaster and organist at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris where he also taught, and later became director, at the Paris conservatory. He wrote many pieces for organ, for choir, but also composed symphonies and operas. His *Prélude* uses all three of the organ's keyboards in an echo and dialogue fashion. Bach's setting of *Christ lay in death's dark prison* is a short but powerful setting of this German Easter hymn which he also used in his cantata (No. 4) of the same name.

ARE YOU uplifted by the sound of organ music? Have you ever wondered how this instrument is played and what makes it work? The Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is conducting its ninth "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" program for children and adults on Sunday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre. Come and learn about the many different types of sounds the organ can make, and listen to some music! Those who play the piano are encouraged to bring some music to play on the organ. Pizza will be served at the end of the day's activities. The event is informal, free of charge, and open to all. Please register online at www.agopane.org or call 570-301-9253.

MANY THANKS for MANY THINGS from SO MANY – Our worship opportunities and experiences during this past Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday have been meaningful for so many of us. A great many parishioners contributed their time and talents and treasure in the planning, preparation and execution of beautiful liturgies and seasonal services. The worship environment was stunning with its appointments of striking flora, banners, refurbished statuary, wreaths and displays. There were wonderful sounds in voice and instruments and percussives along with scents of the season. So many of us sacrificed time for rehearsal, set-up, cleaning, polishing, printing, folding and hospitality. And everyone involved in all of these things was joyful in helping all of us celebrate the pivotal event of the Christian year, the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sincerest thanks to and blessings on all who contributed to the glory of the occasion. Your efforts had uplifted and fed everyone who was wise enough to participate in our Cathedral Holy Week observances.

CALL FOR DELEGATES – The National Synod will be held at Our Lady of the Snows in Bellevue, Illinois, October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We will be needing 6 delegates to this synod. If you are interested being a delegate, please contact the rectory or the parish office. The approximate cost for registration should be around \$200 and the rooms are \$79 per night per room. There are a limited number of rooms at the retreat /conference center. Others will be housed at a nearby hotel for the same room rate.

MARCH ALTAR CARE – Our Earth Angel for the month of March was our own Kathy Michalina! We offer our sincerest thanks to her for her hard work, devotion, dedication, and commitment to our Holy Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society and to our beautiful cathedral. May the holy spirit continue to watch over you and bless you always.

ONE HOT MEAL – Our One Hot Meal is a very important and successful community outreach program. All contributions are very much appreciated. When making a donation please make checks payable to One Hot Meal. Thank you so much.

THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. We missed you at the last meeting. Did you forget or did you have some other matter to attend to? All interested persons are invited.

FLEA MARKET REMINDER – Our annual Flea Market will be held on August 24, 25, 26. So as you do your spring cleaning consider saving those old but usable items for donation. We can arrange to pick up large items such as furniture. Donations qualify as tax deductible.

73rd Annual YMS of R Bowling Tournament – The United YMS of R, along with the parishes from Dickson City, Dupont, Duryea and Scranton extend to you an invitation to participate in the **73rd Annual YMS of R / PNCC Bowling Tournament on June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2018**. We are making plans to utilize the scenic and beautiful Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center as our tournament headquarters. The tournament will be held at Valley Lanes, Childs, PA. An awards banquet will be held at the Carbondale Grand Hotel & Conference Center in Carbondale, PA. Details regarding costs will be available soon. For more information see Art Golembeski.

PAINTING PARTY HAS BEGUN – The painting of the downstairs of the Youth Center has begun and will continue for the next two weeks. If anyone is interested in helping out please talk to Ed Borek after church on Sunday or call the Parish Office. Many hands makes the task seem lighter! A special thanks to Aaron Ferranti for joining our painting team. For those who help at 2 work session, you will be entitled to a Pizza Party with a beverage of your choice.

SPRING YARD SALE – Sell your stuff. Shop for bargains. St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church will hold a Spring Yard Sale on SATURDAY APRIL 28th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rain or shine) at [200 Stephenson St., Duryea](#). For \$10.00 you can rent an 8 foot by 2 foot table space (You must bring your own tables) to sell your un-wanted treasures. Set-up time 8:00 AM. VENDERS & CRAFTERS WELCOME. To reserve a table space phone [570-457-2291](tel:570-457-2291).

UKRAINIAN FOLK DANCE – Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folk dance group "Barvinok" on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world renowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by contacting Kristen Waznak at 570 241-1223.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Apr 13** – Walter & Theresa Ogonowski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, April 9

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, April 10

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, April 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, April 12

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, April 13

8:30 am – sp. Robert Schuster, Jr. (anniversary) by Eleanor Schuster

Saturday, April 14

8:30 am – Mass of the day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Apr 8** – Brooke Kalteski; **Apr 11** – David Mann, Sally Ann Blackledge; **Apr 12** – Josephine Kwiatkowski, John Andrzejewski; **Apr 13** – Walter Ogonowski; **Apr 14** – Katherine Pritchett

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **April 6th** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, 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, Jake Stankowski, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.

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



April 1, 2018

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

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! As we celebrate the most important day of the year we thank Fr. Dr. Scott Lill for preparing this month's Future Direction message: *The Paschal Mystery: The Past, Present and Future Life of the Family*

Although no one would argue that Christmas easily wins in terms of how much time and energy we put into preparation, Easter is unquestionably the most solemn and important celebration for Christians. Finally, after fervently praying, diligently fasting and generously giving to those in need for the 40 days of Lent, we can celebrate the fact that the worst things this life can possibly throw at us have been utterly defeated through Christ's sacrificial Death, wondrous Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, all of which together we call the *Paschal Mystery*. It is these events which alone provide ultimate meaning to human existence by not only healing the depths of humanity's wounded past and promising a glorious future, *but also by setting the course for our lives in the present.*

We all recognize Easter as a time to reflect back upon the historical Death and Resurrection of Christ, and to contemplate the eventual resurrection of all God's faithful at the end of time. But, what does the Paschal Mystery mean for us right now? In a word: everything! The Death and Resurrection of Jesus mean *everything, every minute of every day* to Christians in all times and places. The Paschal Mystery--the transforming power of which was first given

to us in Baptism--completely defines who we are, reestablishing and sanctifying our relationships to God, to other people and to the whole of creation. It is our source of grace and strength *every day*. St. Paul teaches this in his Letter to the Romans when he asks: "...are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." St. Paul doesn't just mean new life at the future general resurrection, but true newness of life *now*.

We come into direct and immediate contact with the Death and Resurrection of Jesus when we gather for Holy Mass and celebrate the Sacraments. Through the sanctifying and prophetic ministry of the Holy Church, we receive the grace to overcome those very same enemies that Jesus conquered: sin and its many terrible consequences, the worst of which include the loss of hope in the face of sickness and suffering and even the fear of death. When we attend and participate at the Holy Mass and worthily receive the Holy Sacraments, we tap into the inexhaustibly rejuvenating power of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, so that we can then live this "newness of life" through Him. All of this holds profound ramifications for the family, which we Polish National Catholics continue to contemplate in a special way this year.

The Paschal Mystery, as made present and effective during the celebration of the Eucharist, provides both the authentic form of the family's inner life and its fortification against the many external enemies that each family must face down in our world today. As each individual family member becomes more and more like Jesus, the family unit grows in holiness, unity and beauty, more capable to collectively live together as Christ's disciples. Family joys become even more joyful; family sorrows become more bearable; and family life truly becomes new. This is why all the families within the Church should reaffirm their commitment to participate in the Holy Mass every Sunday and on other holy days: by regularly participating in the Eucharistic celebration together, the family more fully becomes itself.

When we speak of the inner family life, we are considering the relationship between the members. Our own experiences teach us that family members are called by God to sacrifice self-interest for the sake of the others' good—spouses for each other, parents for their children, children for their brothers and sisters and even children for their parents. After all, this is the love modeled by the Lord Himself on Good Friday; it is the love which He commanded us to have for each other (John 13:34-35). But, this is not always easy! In fact, it's frequently a challenge and sometimes it seems utterly impossible. We don't always feel like being sacrificially loving and sometimes the others in our families...well, they aren't exactly lovable.

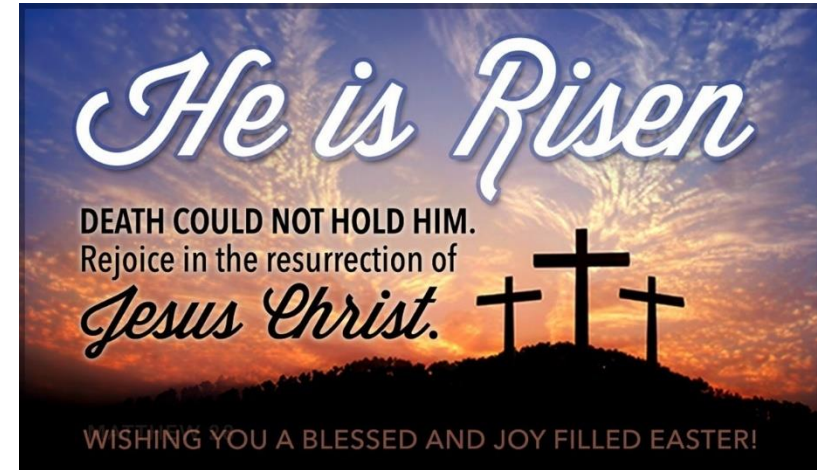
However, it is especially at these times that we need to draw upon God's power made manifest within the family. For when we break free from our selfishness and gently call the others to do the same, when we rise from our frequent falls and stoop down to help the others rise from theirs, when we humbly kneel to wash their feet and even more humbly let them wash our own, and when we stand together firm in faith and serene in hope to confront sickness, suffering or even death itself with the knowledge that Jesus has conquered them all for us, it is then that we all die to our old selves and rise from the tombs of our past with Jesus to walk as people who gratefully acknowledge that they have begun to be transformed.

Then, with each member in loving communion with one another by virtue of their mutual Communion with the crucified and risen Lord present in the Eucharist, the family is more fully equipped to defend itself against the many assaults it must endure today. These include forms of entertainment and ideas promoted through social media which legitimize falsehood, division and infidelity between spouses, or which glorify immoral conduct in the lives of our children; ideologies which promote a vision of the human person not in accord with our understanding of such as revealed by God and consistently taught by the Church; a growing collective disrespect for the dignity of the human person which creeps into the garden of family life, so to speak, sowing the corrupted seeds of abuse and neglect at home which start as a certain indifference toward others but then grow into callousness, bullying and violence in our schools; the scourge of drug addiction from which the threat of which no member of any family seems immune today; or the very real temptation to place any aspect of family life--as exalted and praiseworthy as it may be--in the place that rightly belongs only to God.

Through the power of Christ's Death and Resurrection, the family can not only defend itself against these attacks, it can assume its actively unique role in the mission of the Church. If all of creation has been assumed into the radically restorative salvation made available through Jesus' work that first Holy Week and Easter, then this is especially the case for the family. As the crowning achievement of God's original work of Creation, it is now commissioned and empowered to be a potent instrument of societal sanctification and a mighty vehicle for evangelization within *the New Creation* that was inaugurated through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Each family that is changed and strengthened by the Paschal Mystery as made present to them through the Eucharist at Mass becomes a living link to the past and a radiant witness to the historical work of Jesus that first Holy Week, even as it points to the future, foreshadowing the resplendent glory to be revealed in the Church when the Lord returns to bring his work of redemption to completion. As for the here and now, such a family would display the irrepressible joy, profound peace, and collective grateful contentment that shows the world what it really means to walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.

Together, then, let us thank Almighty God "who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for those who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time (1 Peter 13-5)."

Rejoice! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed...and so are we. Through the prayers of the Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph, let us live out our family life accordingly.



Have a blessed Easter Season and with your families share with Christ as we celebrate the joy of His Resurrection.

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