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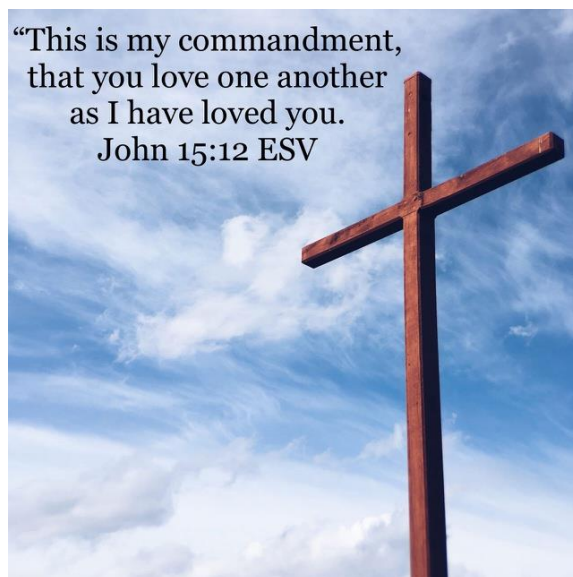
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May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter



“This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
John 15:12 ESV

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

Officers of the Cathedral Chorale will take their oath of office before the second Mass.

St. Stanislaus UYA **bake sale** following 9:30 mass

SOCL following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Hand bell rehearsal following SOCL Class

11:30 am – ANS monthly meeting, board room

MONDAY, May 7th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, May 8th

6:00 pm – YMS of R monthly meeting and park clean up (see announcement)

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

WEDNESDAY, May 9th

7:00 pm – Marian Devotions

ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY, May 10th

8:30 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

12 noon – Holy Mass, Cathedral

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, May 12th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, May 13th, Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

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

MUSIC NOTES – Marco Enrico Bossi (1861-1925) was an organist, teacher, and composer whose life was spent in central Italy though he toured NYC and Philadelphia giving concerts just before his death. His *Ave Maria* is a tone poem based on the words of the *Hail Mary*. David N. Johnson (1922-87) was an American organist and teacher who composed much music (over 300 pieces) for church choirs and organists. His setting of *The lone wild bird* draws on a text written in 1925 but set to a tune from the American folk tradition: his Trumpet tune is based the architecture and stile of those trumpet tunes which were part of the British 18th century.

BAKE SALE TODAY – The parish youth group will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, May 6, immediately following the Mass at 9:30a.m. The Youth Group is raising funds for the Youth Convocation which will be held at the University of Scranton this summer. We hope for your support.

NEWS from the ST. STANISLAUS CATHEDRAL UYA – A new coffee pot has been donated by our organization for the weekly coffee hours held following the 9:30 am Sunday Service. This is a gesture of gratitude for all the generosity we, as youth members have received from our parish community over the past years. Thank you and Enjoy!

YMS of R PARK CLEAN UP & MONTHLY MEETING – Park clean up and monthly meeting of Branch 1 YMS of R will take place on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at 6:00 to open the park and clean it up for the season. Our monthly meeting will follow the clean up.

THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY will meet in the church library on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30p.m. We invite all interested people to attend. You will meet some fine ladies doing some great things.

ANS THANK YOU NOTES – Acknowledging and offering our sincerest thanks & praise to our most recent & youngest members of the ANS Jessica Notari for April Altar Care!!! We ask the Holy Spirit to Bless & Guide our Earth Angel & are grateful for her eagerness to participate in our sodality events & care of our beautiful cathedral!

Sending out a huge THANK - YOU to the ANS Society members & parishioners of our cathedral who helped in the making of our delicious pierogi for our upcoming Flea Market in August. A lot of hard work but a lot of laughter & fellowship shared with these exceptional & dedicated ladies & gents of the PNCC!!! May the Holy Spirit bestow his blessings on each & everyone of Y-O-U. For you are the FOUNDATION of our awesome cathedral who so freely give from your heart, your time & talents in the art of making this traditional Polish delicacy which is so very much enjoyed by many. God Bless ALL. President, *Kathy Michalina*

GREEN THUMBS NEEDED – Now that it is finally getting warm and Spring has really sprung, we are in need of some volunteers to help plant the annuals in front of the church, rectory and at the cemetery by the gates. If you enjoy gardening and could be helpful, please contact the Parish Office at 570-961-9231 or office@saintstanislauspncc.org. Also there is some light to medium work that needs to be done at the cemetery such as leveling small areas and reseeding or lifting cornerstones to make them ground level. If you can volunteer to help, please contact the Parish Office or Ed Borek. We would like to keep our properties as beautiful and appealing as possible.

THE ANNUAL – Scranton Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration will be held on **Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** The event will be hosted by St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton.

UPCOMING CHICKEN BBQ – We will kick off the 4th season of our Annual Chicken BBQ by holding the first event on **Saturday, May 26th** on our corner property at Pittston Avenue and East Elm Street, from **Noon till Sold Out.** Preorder signup sheets are available in the lower church hall. You can also call Paul or Sylvia Kowalski @ 570-842-8812. The other Saturday dates are; **June 16th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th and October 13th.** Mark your calendars. The menu includes: ½ chicken, baked potato/butter, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert, and bottled water. Cost is \$10.00 with take outs only, drive thru service and ample parking. Please join us for an excellent Chicken BBQ dinner at a reasonable price. See you on the corner!

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.

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.

FIRST MEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT: THE MAKING of a GODLY MAN – The men of the United Y.M.S. of R. would like to formally invite you to the First Men's Spiritual Retreat, "The Making of a Godly Man," to be held May 17-19 at historic Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. Please Join Us!!! The cost is only \$100, and includes room and all meals. Registration **deadline is May 13, 2018.**

This retreat filled with spirituality and brotherhood, will provide many opportunities to grow personally and as a group. For more information contact Fr. Carmen G. Bolock at 570-457-2291, padrecarmen54@gmail.com. Registration Forms are available in the lower auditorium or on the PNCC website, www.pncc.org. under upcoming events.

The Cathedral YMSR **will cover one-half the cost (\$50)** for any gentlemen of the Parish who will attend the Retreat.

YMS of R BOWLING TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS – Keep those entry forms coming in. **It's not too late to join.** If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 570-575-5231. We hope to see everyone at the tournament this year. Keep this event going strong!

The YMS of R Tournament, in conjunction with the United YMS of R, is JUNE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH. Hurry and get your applications in so we can get you setup for the tournament. The committee has been working hard to get things ready and we are all set and excited to be hosting the tournament this year. Please see the following link for the forms on the [pncc.org](http://www.pncc.org) website. <http://www.pncc.org/?event=73rd-annual-y-m-s-of-r-bowlers-tournament>. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in June! Thanks, Andrew/Nick/Art

PAINTING PARTY CONTINUES – The painting of the downstairs of the Youth Center continues. 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! For those who help at 2 work session, you will be entitled to a Pizza Party with a beverage of your choice.

PROVIDENCE of GOD PARISH at 221 Oak St. in North Scranton is having a Pasta Dinner on Monday, May 7, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. The menu includes Pasta with sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, and Italian Bread. Home-made desserts, and coffee are included in the dinner. The price for a ticket is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Take-outs are available. You can make reservations or get tickets from Janet Kelly at 570-347-8904 or Father Walter at 570-388-6061.

ANTHRACITE OPERA COMPANY – Today, Sunday, May 6th, at 3:00 p.m., the Anthracite Opera Company will present “Mostly Classical”, a program of songs and arias sung by local artists. The program will take place at Saint Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church located at the corner of Taylor and Ash Street, Scranton, PA. Admission is \$15.00 and tickets are available at the door. The Anthracite Opera’s founder is Mr. Gary Richards who is a member of our Cathedral Chorale. Barbara Nowicki will be a featured soloist. Please come out enjoy this special event, and support our Cathedral musicians. Note: there is an elevator available for patrons located at the left side of the Church.

UKRAINIAN FOLK DANCE – Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folk dance group “Barvinok” on today 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.

YMS of R GROVE RENTAL – Hurry, hurry, hurry, reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2018! 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 artibowl@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.

FLOWER FUND – is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a loved one. 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).

ALTAR FLOWERS – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of mother Su-Duggal by daughter Shanta Syal.

The flowers at Tripp Park Chapel are in memory of John Mychaylo, Jr. on the 1st anniversary by grandmother Mrs. Amelia Liska, and Barbara, Ann Marie and Darlene.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **macaroni and cheese** on Sunday, **May 13th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, May 7

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, May 8

8:30 am – sp. Mary Ostroski & Sophia Kowalski by children & grandchildren

Wednesday, May 9

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Ascension Day, May 10

8:30 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

12 noon – Holy Mass, Cathedral

Friday, May 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, May 12

8:30 am – sp. Anna Stets by Celia Ulrich

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **May 6** – Theresa Ogonowski, Nathan Kaszuba; **May 7** – Angelo Valvano, Atty. Ernest Gazda; **May 9** – Jessica Notari; **May 10** – Corey Kowalski; **May 12**

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **May 4th** – *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.

May Schedule

08-09	PNCC-RC Dialogue Commission, Scranton
09, 16, 23	Marian Devotions, Cathedral
10	Ascension Day, Cathedral
13	Mother’s Day, Youth Mass, Close of SOCL
15	Parish Committee
17-19	YMSR Men’s Spiritual Retreat, Waymart
20	Pentecost, Confirmation, Cathedral
21-23	National Liturgical Commission, Scranton
26	Chicken BBQ, Cathedral
28	Memorial Day Mass, Grotto, Cathedral Cemetery
31	Seniorate Corpus Christi Observances, Cathedral

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



May 1, 2018

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

As we continue this Year of the Family across our Holy Polish National Catholic Church we focus this month on the Blessed Virgin Mary – the Mother of God. A special thanks to Kathryn Nemkovich for preparing the message this month.

And the angel Gabriel said: “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.”

Mary asked, “How can this be?”

And Gabriel said, “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Mary replied, “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.”

We know the story of the Nativity and the beauty of the night that Jesus was born. Each year at Christmas we all are reminded about Mary’s faith and trust in God and her willingness to accept all that was told to her. One can imagine the feelings Mary had as she swaddled the beautiful little baby in her arms. Her trust in God, her faith, had delivered to her the miracle of baby Jesus...the wonder of it all.

Other than when Jesus is a child in the temple and at the wedding at Cana, the next time we witness Mary is as Jesus is on his way to Calvary. It’s easy to disconnect now from the time when the angel Gabriel appeared and the wonder of Christmas and Mary holding her little baby boy.

She hears the people shouting “Crucify him” knowing that it is her son they are condemning. Imagine her suffering as Mary follows her son closely on his journey to Calvary, seeing firsthand the beatings, his falls, his pain...remaining silent as she knew this had to be.

We are witnesses to Mary’s ever-present faith...her willingness to accept all that was told to her...at the time she held in her arms her new baby boy, when she held in her arms the crucified body of our savior, her son, and then when she experienced the joy of our Lord’s resurrection.

Think of the struggles in your own life – consider the challenges we face in today’s world – think of how hard it is at times to not question what is happening at the given moment. Our lives are a mix of happiness and sorrow, and at times our faith can certainly be tested.

Mary serves as an example to all of us. Let us stand strong in our faith, replying as Mary did...” Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.”

As we celebrate the Year of the Family, let us also take to heart words from a song about Mary, *Gentle Woman*, and allow ourselves and our families to grow in faith and in love:

GENTLE WOMAN, QUIET LIGHT
MORNING STAR SO STRONG AND BRIGHT
GENTLE MOTHER, PEACEFUL DOVE
TEACH US WISDOM, TEACH US LOVE



Here is The Angelus from our PNCC Prayer Book (The Angelus is traditionally said at 6 am, 12 noon and 6 pm – this is why the church bells ring at these times daily):

- V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary ...
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary...
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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.

We are also appealing to all our parishes to please keep in your prayers our upcoming Holy Synod now just five months away. In preparation for our Holy Synod we are asking for you to share with our committee pictures and testimonials from successes that you have experienced as you implemented the future direction over these past four years. Please email them to FutureDirection@pncc.org

We hope you continue to enjoy a blessed Easter Season with your families as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost later this month.

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