

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**May 13, 2018**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**



**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

Mother's Day, Youth Mass, Close of SOCL

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

St. Stanislaus Hand bell rehearsal following SOCL Class

## MONDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

## TUESDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

## WEDNESDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – Marian Devotions

## THURSDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

## SATURDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

## NEXT SUNDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Solemnity of Pentecost

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

**ONE HOT MEAL** – We extend our appreciation to Prime Bishop Anthony and Carol Mikovsky for their donation to One Hot Meal in memory of Mary Durkin Payton. Thank you for your generosity.

**HELP NEEDED** – Oh No!!!! We didn't make enough! ANS members....parishioners....Sunday, May 20th at noon we need your help to make more pierogis for our Flea Market in August!!!! Any amount of time given will be appreciated. Come join us in the fun & fellowship shared in the making of this Polish delicacy!

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY BAKE SALE** – The ladies of the Blessed Sacrament Society will sponsor a Bake Sale, MAY 20, 2018, in the lower auditorium. Delicious “home-made” specialties will be available. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**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.

**HERE WE ARE in the MONTH of MAY** – the month of Mary and mothers! We continue here at St Stanislaus with our devotions to the Blessed Mother each Wednesday evening at 7:00; and at home we're signing our contracts with Shari's Berries, Pro Flowers and Terry's Diner to demonstrate our devotions to our own mothers during this month of May. If I were a TV commercial I'd stop my message right here and might even refer you to that cheery but somewhat impish May song from *Camelot*. However, as this is no infomercial on the holiday, I'd like to chat here a while with both mothers and fathers to give them a bit of a reminder.

I'd like to remind them both that for all the fluff and flutter accorded our moms and, later, for all the ill-fitting socks and those ties of dubious taste inflicted upon our fathers (all given with the greatest love and deepest devotion, without question!), there is much more depth to the admiration for our dads and moms at this time of year than many realize. Many of us, focusing more on Shari's Berries, Pro Flowers, socks and ties tend to ignore the element of the divine in all of this. We forget that it is our God who is the basis of all of this. God is the ultimate issue in celebrating mommies and daddies on special days. A few brief observations then:

- 1-The origin of the family is God's idea, ordained by God in creation. God's idea of the heart of the family is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman, linked to each other alone, in a one-flesh union.
- 2- The family is God's basic school for instructing children in the moral actions of courtesy and gratitude and respect and faith in Christ.
- 3- Under God both fathers and mothers share in the responsibility of this family instruction.
- 4- God calls sons and daughters to be submissive to their mothers and fathers. Honor your father and mother (Exodus 20:12) by listening respectfully and by remembering what they taught you about right and wrong when you are away from home and no one can see but you and God.
- 5- God ordains a reward for sons and daughters who do not forsake the teaching of their parents, and goes out of his way to make this explicit to the children.

So God bless our beloved moms and our cherished dads! May they all be showered with things fattening and questionably fashionable but may we all recognize them for who they truly are in our household of faith: They are divine agents for the uplifting of the Body, the Church, and the expansion of God's kingdom through their children.

**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](mailto: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.

**UPCOMING CHICKEN BBQ** – We will kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> season of our Annual Chicken BBQ by holding the first event on **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** on our corner property at Pittston Avenue and East Elm Street, from **Noon til 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 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**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](mailto:padrecarmen54@gmail.com). Registration Forms are available in the lower auditorium or on the PNCC website, [www.pncc.org](http://www.pncc.org). under upcoming events.

**The Cathedral YMS of R 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.

**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 [artbowl@msn.com](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:jtellep@nep.net) or [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409).

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The floral pieces on all three altars today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Wanda Sarnoski by her children.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **Spaghetti's** on Sunday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **May 13** – Kevin Allen; **May 15** – Richard Kieler

**FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL** – **May 11<sup>th</sup>** – \*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.

#### ***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

##### **Monday, May 14**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

##### **Tuesday, May 15**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

##### **Wednesday, May 16**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

##### **Thursday, May 17**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

##### **Friday, May 18**

8:30 am – sp. Jerome Patrick  
(birthday) by family

##### **Saturday, May 19**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **May Schedule**

- 15 Parish Committee
- 16, 23 Marian Devotions, Cathedral
- 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



***Happy Mother's Day***

## 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](mailto: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