

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church**

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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 10, 2018



**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

First Holy Communion during 9:30 am Mass

### MONDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

### TUESDAY, June 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – Branch 1 YMS of R monthly meeting at the YMS of R Park

### WEDNESDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### SATURDAY, June 16<sup>th</sup>

12:00 noon – Chicken Barbeque (see announcement)

### NEXT SUNDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Father's Day

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

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**\*\* TWO MASSES on FATHER'S DAY** – Both the 0800 and the 0930 Masses and the 1115 at the Cathedral Chapel will be celebrated next Sunday in the Cathedral next Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> on Father's Day. The Mass on the Corner will be rescheduled to a Sunday in September. Please be attentive to upcoming announcements on the date change.

**CATHEDRAL CHAPEL MEMBERS, OUR SAVIOR** – There will be a meeting **TODAY** after the 11:15 Mass.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY** – will meet on Wednesday, June 13, in the parish library at 6:30p.m. New and interested members are invited to learn what these dedicated ladies do for others. We hope to see you on June 13th.

**CHICKEN BBQ** – Our next BBQ will be held on Saturday, June 16th from noon til sold out. The menu and cost @ \$10.00 remain the same. A pre-order sheet is available in the lower church hall. We suggest ordering in advance to be assured of a delicious dinner. You can also call Paul or Sylvia Kowalski @ 570-842-8812. 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. Donations qualify as tax deductible. We will begin accepting **Drop-offs beginning July 30. Mon-Fri 9-5.** Flat Screen TVs only. Please call our office if you require special consideration or large item pick-up (ex. Furniture). Last day for drop-offs is Friday Aug 17.

**HONOR a FATHER on FATHER'S DAY** – Acknowledge or remember our FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for their dedication to us and at the same time provide some much needed support to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund. Send a minimum donation of \$25 to the Clergy Pension Fund Committee, c/o Western Diocese Chancery, [920 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068](http://www.pncc.org), and include your name and the name of the FATHER you wish to honor. Donations received by June 12th will be included in a listing to be published in an upcoming issue of God's Field. All donations received benefit the Clergy Pension Fund of the PNCC.

**YOUTH SUNDAY HONORING 2018 GRADUATES** – June 24th. The parish would like to acknowledge and honor all 2017-2018 high school and college graduates during the 9:30am Youth Mass on June 24, 2018. To have yourself or your graduate(s) included in this recognition, please submit all names to the parish office by Sunday June 17, 2018. You can call (570-961-9231) or email ([office@saintstanislauspncc.org](mailto:office@saintstanislauspncc.org)) with the graduate's name, school from which he/she is graduating, and any future plans. We would also ask each graduate, if at all possible, to be present on June 24th. We are looking forward to wishing so many of our young adults well in their future endeavors.

**BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – also on **June 24<sup>th</sup>** after the second Mass in the lower area under the Cathedral to elect our delegates to the national Synod in Illinois.

**CALL FOR DELEGATES** - The National Synod of the PNCC will be held at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleview, Illinois on October 1st to 3rd. As a parish we are allowed to send 6 delegates. We are still in need of a few more volunteers. If you are interested being a delegate, please contact the rectory or the parish office as soon as possible. Synod expenses for each delegate are covered by the Parish.

**CEMETERY HELP NEEDED** – 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 Ed Borek or the Parish Office at 570-961-9231 or [office@saintstanislauspncc.org](mailto:office@saintstanislauspncc.org). We would like to keep our properties as beautiful and appealing as possible.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING** – St. Stanislaus is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on June 20th, in our Youth Center. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$124 with member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$25 discount you must call 1-877-380-1743 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). You can also text the word **circle** to 797979.

**SPOJNIA CREDIT UNION SHARE CERTIFICATE SPECIAL** – The Spójnia Credit Union is running a special Share Certificate rate until June 30, 2018. 1 Year Certificate 1.25% APR, 2 Year Certificate 1.75% APR. There is a \$1000.00 minimum deposit. Rates subject to change without prior

notice. Federally insured by the NCUA. Call today 570-344-1513 or 1-800-724-6352. [www.spojnicreditunion.org](http://www.spojnicreditunion.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 memory of Charlotte “Susie” & Leon Stankowski, Stanley & Stella Kowalski offered by family.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **tuna fish** on Sunday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **June 11** – John & Kathy Kotula; **June 15** – Joseph & Teresa Rothka, Lorne & Tera Jean Notari

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **June 10** – Lorraine Pacheco; **June 11** – James Weaver, Shirley Golembeski, June Sarnowski; **June 13** – Stacy Zygmunt, Michael Matza; **June 14** – Toni Ann Melesky

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **June 8<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, Marie Jarocho, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.

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

#### **Monday, June 11**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Tuesday, June 12**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Wednesday, June 13**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Thursday, June 14**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

#### **Friday, June 15**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

#### **Saturday, June 16**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

### **June Schedule JUNE IS SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH**

14	Pastoral Visit, Guardian Angel, Los Angeles
16	Chicken BBQ
17	Confirmation, St Francis, Denver
24	Youth Mass, Graduates' Recognition
30-7/7	Kurs, Bishop Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart

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



June 1, 2018

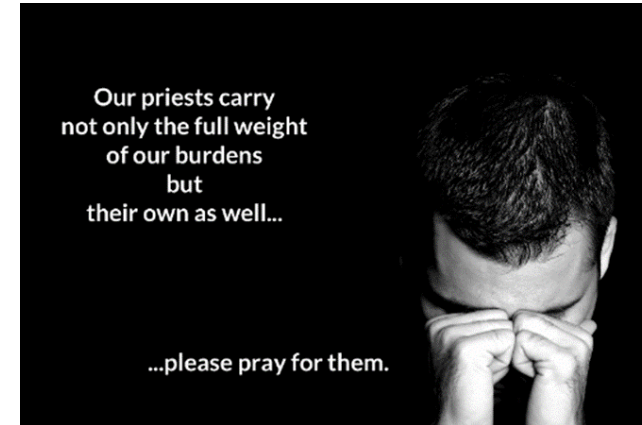
Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

A New Springtime for Sacred Vocations is upon us. A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Scott J Lill for preparing the message this month.

“...and some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” ~Luke 8:8

As we continue to journey further into the Polish National Catholic Year of the Family, we are now passing through the gateway into summer by entering the month of June. This is the time when school typically lets out, when we honor our fathers living and deceased and, for those of us who have braved the rigors of winter, we finally get to venture outside more often and absorb the warmth of the sunshine. While we must now grudgingly add lawn care to our seemingly insurmountable task lists, in exchange we have the opportunity to contemplate the beauty of God’s Creation which has suddenly burst into vibrant life. Many of us plant gardens with a great variety of vegetables and colorful flowers in the hopeful anticipation of watching them grow toward a bountiful harvest in the months to come. June is the month when we get our hands dirty and willingly embrace some extra labor because we are focused on the promise that, with God’s blessing, it will produce fruit in the days to come.

June is also the month set aside by the Church to make special efforts with regard to praying for and promoting vocations to the ordained ministry. It is a most appropriate time to do so because just as we sow seeds in the soil in hopes of a great yield in the days to come, so do we pray that the spiritual seeds of a call to the priesthood or diaconate planted within the hearts of those men chosen by the Holy Spirit may come to abundant fruition in the form of their joyful responses.

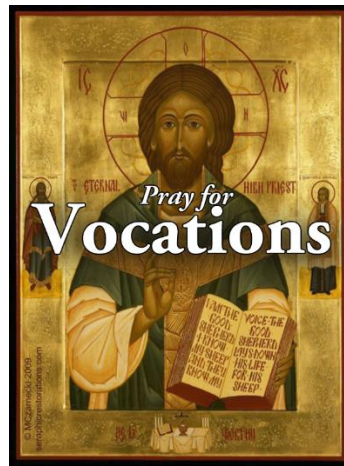


However, we must honestly admit that for some time the abundance of fresh growth in our backyard patches has not been mirrored within the Church as regards the yield of men coming forward to prepare for ordination; we haven’t exactly been producing bumper crops of ordinations, have we? Why? Well, perhaps it’s the condition of the soil. And what exactly is this soil? It is nothing less than the inner life of the Church as it is expressed every day through the individual lives of its members.

As I have prayerfully reflected on the exalted role of the family in God's plan within the Church, I have honestly, but prayerfully and compassionately, considered the lives of many families that I know and serve in different contexts, both personal and pastoral, and have come to more clearly see the values and principles which now commonly undergird their lives. Quite honestly, the collective lives of many families now revolve around a great variety of things - some of them admittedly wholesome and even admirable - but none of which are God. As a result, I have come to the conclusion that, despite clergy shortages across denominational lines, we are not actually in the midst of a "vocation crisis." Rather, we face a discipleship crisis, one of the spoiled fruits of which is a shortage of assenting responses to God's call to the ordained ministry. It seems that perhaps the soil that is the life of the Church has become infertile, even contaminated and therefore much in need of our collective attention and labor.

In a sense, we have already implicitly recognized this at the last General Synod when we began to actively consider and address the future direction in which we shall walk together on this beautiful journey toward God's Kingdom. But essential questions remain: are we still consistently faithful to the essential mission of Christ's Church as it was understood and articulated by the organizing members of the Polish National Catholic Church, under the inspired leadership of Bishop Hodur? Are we intently focused on being the means by which "other Christs" are formed for the purposes of sanctifying and transforming the world, or have we become too enamored with lesser matters? How seriously do we take the promises that we made in Holy Baptism; do we fruitfully use the gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed in Confirmation to act as witnesses to Christ crucified and risen from the dead; and do we draw upon the strength of the Eucharistic Lord to go forth as lights for a world still much in darkness? Do we really understand that being a Polish National Catholic is our very way of life and not just what we do for an hour each weekend...or whenever we can fit Church in?

We must all be realistic and clear, nonetheless: it will take time and real effort to refresh the soil of the Church. First, we must readily admit that it needs to be recharged... and be ready to face down any opposition, which insists that it is fine as it is. Then, foundational values must be clarified and articulated through a process of honest, intense, spiritual introspection, before actions can ever really change. To put it another way, the ground must be cleared and thoroughly re-tilled before enduring fruit in any form, including vocations, can be born. This re-tilling can be painful, as the rocks of outdated ways of thinking and the stones of no longer useful forms of action are diligently removed, as deep-seated worldliness and ecclesial self-centeredness is uprooted, and as inordinate attachments to any endeavor to which we are more dedicated than the proclamation of the Gospel - regardless of the exalted place they may hold within our collective customs - are broken. Though admittedly difficult and uncomfortable, with the assistance of God's indispensable grace and his own patience, compassion and love for each other within our hearts, it can be done.



In truth, if we really want to address the apparent lack of responses to God's ongoing call to men to serve in the Church as priests and deacons, the questions above are *the questions* we must all continually ask ourselves. That's where it must start - within our own hearts, which are so much in need of ongoing conversion and a constantly renewed commitment to Jesus our Lord. From there, it grows within our families and then out into the parishes, moving up into the dioceses and, finally, spreading to the whole Church, constituted anew by re-energized disciples of the Lord who love Him above all and others as themselves, who explicitly recognize the Gospel as the foundation of their very existence and who embrace their identity as Polish National Catholics and live it to the fullest every day.

Such a Church would indeed be a truly fertile soil, producing first a superabundance of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, which are the ever-sweet fruits of the Holy Spirit, blossoming into its truest self, and becoming, as it were, a great orchard of authentic discipleship. This renewed soil, so deeply rich in God's grace and reinvigorated by a fresh

outpouring of the Paraclete, would then *easily* nourish the seeds of the vocations to the ordained ministry that the Divine Sower most certainly continues to plant within those men whom He is calling and help produce an abundant harvest of servant leadership in the ordained ministry.

In the end, to promote vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, we must return to the fundamentals of the faith, refocusing on our common call to holiness and collective mission of service. This simply means that each of us must start with the clearing and re-tilling of the soil of our hearts, by waking up every day and asking, "what must I do to be more like Jesus today?" and then living accordingly. This Sacred Vocations month seems like a perfect time for all of us to start. After all, it's gardening season already, right?



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 pray for Sacred Vocations.

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