

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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

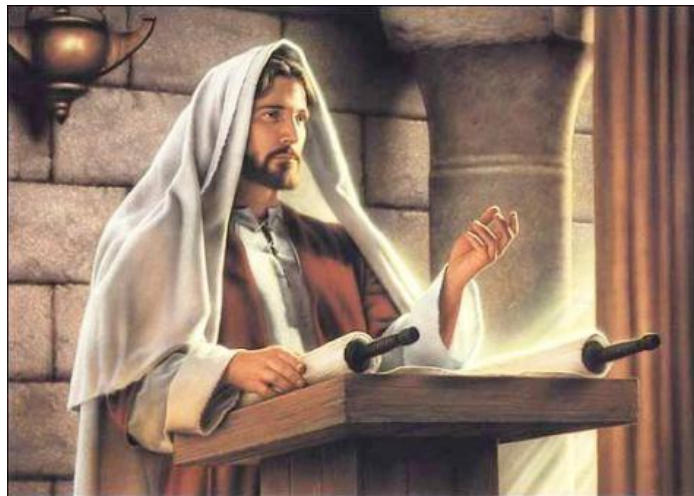
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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8, 2018



*When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.*

**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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### TUESDAY, July 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – ANS monthly meeting, YMS of Park

### NEXT SUNDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### *Lectors:*

7/8 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

11:00 – M. Hughes & R. Seliga

7/15 -8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**ANS UPDATES** – The Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament Society would like to offer their sincerest & heartfelt thanks to their "JUNE EARTH ANGEL".....Jennifer Gerardi!! Once again with her halo & wings she flew solo maintaining Altar Care for the month of June! We ask The Holy Spirit to bless her for her dedication to our sodality & our beautiful cathedral.

The **next monthly meeting** will be held Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 o'clock p.m. @ the YMS of R Park with a Pot Luck theme!!! Please mark your calendars. Looking forward to a delightful evening & meeting!!! President, *Kathy Michalina*

**THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY** – will meet on Tuesday, July 17, in the church library at 6:30p.m. These dedicated ladies make prayer shawls and blankets for the elderly, shut-ins, the sick, and others who may be in need. There is no cost for them. If you would like to meet with these ladies or become a member of this ministry, drop in at the meeting on July 17th.

**PNCC BOOK REVIEW** – Roger Seliga's brother, Joseph, has prepared a review of a book on the PNCC by Theodore Andrews, ThD. Copies of this review are available to you in the lower auditorium on the tables beneath the photographs on the wall.

**NEEDS WITHIN OUR PARISH** – the SOCL active and vital once again; Sunday School teachers; an Adult Forum for Catholic Christian education offered at more mature level; a Treasurer for the Parish Committee; a Parish historian; a Parish media Correspondent; more choristers for the Cathedral Chorale; delegates to the National Synod this October in Illinois; participants in the Wreaths Across America program on our cemetery around Christmastime; participants in the preparation and presentation of the outreach Mass on the Corner set for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am that day.

**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.

“..... **NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.**” – Here we are in the “summertime, and the livin’ is easy,” at least according to the lullaby in *Porgy and Bess*. My summertime to date has included Diocesan travel, and many informal chats as well as scheduled talks with our young people at confirmations and youth gatherings. That kind of activity will continue at the end of this month when Convo 2018 opens in our Diocese, in our City at the University of Scranton. This week-long event will explore the theme of “Anointed Lifeguard” based on the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was a young man called by God to rebuild Jerusalem; and then the people of that city hear once again the call of God through his Commandments. The themes in Nehemiah are very relevant for the youth and adults at this year’s Convo.

One of the relevant themes for our culture today comes from the first Commandment where God says, “You shall have no other gods but me.” It seems to me that what God’s really asking us in this Commandment is “Whozher daddy?” And well he might ask given all the other gods available to us who seek our allegiance, our worship and service over the one true God, our Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Many people today forget their Creator. They offer him no praise nor thanks nor even a second thought. It was the same with God’s people the ancient Jews for they lived within a society that worshipped the gods Moloch, Baal and Mammon. Moloch was the god of cruelty that demanded child sacrifices. Baal was the god of sexual lust and satisfaction of immoral appetites. Mammon was the god of money. Many today still worship these three gods, although not by the same names.

Other gods we worship and serve today include even family when children are provided all opportunities for sports, friends, travel and material objects to the exclusion of the worship of God each week in his temple and activities for them there. Anything that takes the place that only God should occupy in our lives becomes a god for us. Not when money but rather the *love* of it takes over our life, is everything seen through the eyes of money and its continued acquisition. Other gods our society worships involve beauty, gambling, fame, occupation, drugs, sports, phones, leisure, influence, power, organizations *etc.*

In Romans 1:25, Paul teaches that people with other gods have “exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and [have] worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.”

In a word, our scriptures, our faith, our Church have never been more relevant, more needed than today. Our young people will be reminded of this at Convo 2018. May we all realize this truth as well.

*Bishop Bernard*

**CONVO 2018 – “ANOINTED LIFEGUARD” HOSPITALITY ITEMS NEEDED!** – As we finalize our schedules and events for Convo 2018 hosted by the Central Diocese to be held at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pa. The Convo Committee would like to extend an invitation for donations of some hospitality items we need to make our 100+ participants, clergy, and guests feel welcome. There is a list of specific items we are looking for posted downstairs in the church hall, and bulletin boards. Monetary Donations are graciously accepted towards the purchase of these items as

well. All checks can be made payable to “Convo 2018” or see one of our many UYA members. *Thank you for your support and dedication, as we begin our journey this July 23-27, 2018.*

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The floral pieces at the altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the early parishioners and organizers of the Polish National Catholic Church.

**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).

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **fruit snacks** on Sunday, **July 15<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

#### ***THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES***

**Monday, July 9**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Tuesday, July 10**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, July 12**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, July 13**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

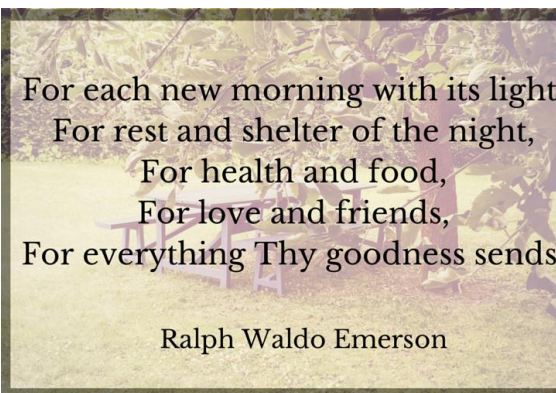
**Saturday, July 14**

8:30 am – sp. Anna Stets by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Repecki

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **July 8** – Frances Loss, Annette Cimino; **July 9** – Joseph Wedlock

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **July 6<sup>th</sup>** – \*Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; \*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.



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



July 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 and now enjoy the summer months we focus this month on the importance of quality family time.

Whether on vacation or just regular time set aside for the family is so very important. This time strengthens our family bonds. It gives time to talk, listen and pray with each other; time to teach your children important life lessons, to show affection, appreciation, love and support; to instill and strengthen Christian values in your children and family members; to cherish family rituals and traditions such as going to worship and prayer on special days such as Christmas and Easter, special family gatherings and celebrations.

Make the time for your family this summer and always. If you are taking a family vacation enjoy each other's company and continue to strengthen your family bond. Don't forget the importance of time in prayer and worship even while away from your home parish.



There are many ways that you can spend family time together – for example share a meal together without the distraction of tv and cell phones, learn what is happening in each other's lives by just talking and sharing. Make time to play cards, games or sports, go for a walk together, have a family service project to help others in need, watch movies or share hobbies. Pray together, love together, serve others together, be Jesus to each other by having unconditional love for one another. Strong Christian families are able to withstand setbacks and crisis with a positive loving attitude, shared values of the Gospel and our faith in Christ Jesus that will help cope with challenging times.

You know just how important it is to have quality time with your family – how do you spend yours?

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 encouraging 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 enjoy quality time with your family and have a blessed summer.

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