

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



**Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs.**

**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, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Bernard is in Wallington & Passaic, NJ providing clergy coverage for Masses in those two parishes.

### TUESDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl monthly meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

#### *Lectors:*

7/15 -8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Ostroski & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

7/22 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – R. Seliga & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**MUSIC NOTES** – There is a whole host of pieces entitled “meditation” for almost every instrument. They share the characteristics of being sometimes very melodic, often quiet in nature, and in the absence of musical fireworks aim to transport the listener to a state of quietude and introspection. Louis Vierne’s *Méditation* achieves this goal by the creation of sonorities which subtly shift in color and which fill the air with warm sounds of various textures. While there is melody present in the piece it is linked to the harmonies which support it so that the effect consists of a wash of colors rather than a tune which the listener is compelled to follow.

**CONVO 2018 at the CATHEDRAL** – On **Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**, our Cathedral Parish will be hosting the participants in the 2018 PNCC Youth Convocation with young people from all over the country visiting our Church’s historic sites here in Scranton. **All our parishioner are invited to participate in the morning activities** on that day **which begin here at 9:15 am** with a group picture of the participants in front of our Cathedral Church. Immediately afterwards a presentation on the history of the Cathedral Church building, its windows, organ and Parish will orient our guests to many aspects of this historic site. The second Mass of the Convocation will be celebrated here at 11:00 am with the Young People’s Choir, youth Cantor and Bell Choir offering praise to God in song and percussives. It’s been many years since the Convo was presented in our area making this a special opportunity for us at the Cathedral to witness a very important program in our Church. Following lunch for the Convo participants at the Youth Center after Mass, the participants will tour the Diocesan Chancery archives and museum, the Polish National Union, and the National Church Center in three smaller groups that will each rotate through these three venues. Come, be present and participate in an event we rarely experience locally. You’ll be very glad you did!

“..... **NO OTHER GODS BUT ME.**” – Here we are in the “summertime, and the livin’ is easy,” at least according to the lullaby in Gershwin’s *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.*

**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.

**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).

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **canned fruit** on Sunday, **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

**Monday, July 16**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Tuesday, July 17**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Wednesday, July 18**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Thursday, July 19**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, July 20**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Saturday, July 21**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

11:00 am – *Memorial mass sp. Cecilia Cwynar Seliga by daughter Susan Gawronski*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – **July 17** – Frank & Jennifer Gerardi

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **July 15** – Barbara Kalteski, Stacey Fick; **July 21** – Kevin Hughes, Shirley Fox

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** – **July 13<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, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukaszewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.