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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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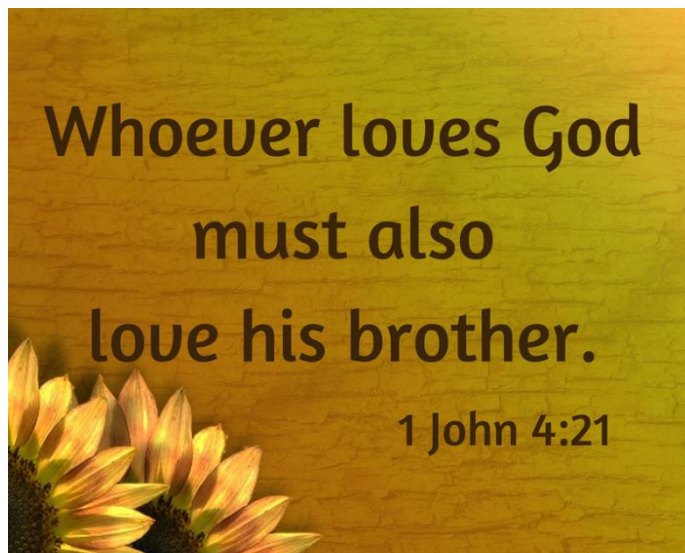
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TBA – Organist / Director of Music

Solemnity – Brotherly Love

September 9, 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

Bishop Bernard is celebrating today with the parishioners of Sacred Heart, New York Mills, NY the sacrament of confirmation and the 95th anniversary of their Parish.

TUESDAY, September 11th

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

WEDNESDAY, September 12th

5:30 pm – ANS monthly meeting (see announcement)

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

** NEXT SUNDAY, September 16th, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

From the Desk of Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky – I encourage prayer for our Holy Synod, for the bishops and all the clergy, and for all of our lay delegates. There is much important work that needs to be done as we chart a way forward to continue to build up the Kingdom of God with our Polish National Catholic Church.

O Holy Spirit, as the moments of Holy Synod approach, inspire and enlighten our bishops, clergy and delegates. As You descended upon our Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of His baptism, descend once again upon His body, the Church. In the preparations that will take place and in the proceedings that will occur, let all gathered in Holy Synod, listen to Him Who is our Lord. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS on the CORNER – is **POSTPONED** due to some special logistical circumstances related to summer engagements of decidedly time-consuming natures. Therefore, the regular **three-Mass schedule for next week, September 16th will be in place.** This event of outreach and exposure is delayed until the following spring. At that time, it will be planned with an additional but different and traditional out of doors ceremony that season to take place along Pittston Avenue. Preparations for these two separately scheduled events are slated to begin before the Easter celebration.

ANS FALL DINNER – It's that time AGAIN!!! I would like to announce that on **Sunday, October 21st** we will be hosting our delicious "Home Style Roast Pork Dinner!" There will be **One Seating @ 12:30 p.m. Take outs will be available from 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** Tickets are now available & may be purchased from sodality members of The Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament Society!!

Lectors:

9/9 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Snyder & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

9/16 – 8:00 –

9:30 – M. Hughes & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING OVERVIEW – just some descriptives you can anticipate.

HIGH SCHOOL – The Freedom Ride – Our teens will understand better their encounter with God and their growth in faith through special areas like: * How to REALLY talk to God-*without breaking out in hives and really enjoy yourself*; * How to Behave: Keeping it Real, - *especially on Friday and Saturday nights*, and * Getting beyond the self-esteem wars - *Putting yourself in the other guys shoes – without catching his foot fungus!*

MIDDLE SCHOOL - ‘Tween’ a Rock and a Hard Place – Time together will help our ‘twens’ place Christ’s friendship at the center of solutions for hard-hitting issues they will face in the coming years: good conformity vs. bad conformity, peer pressure, drinking, drugs, gossip, forgiveness, and more!

INTERMEDIATE ELEMENTARY - The Divine Dozen: 12 Parables of Jesus Every Child Should Know - Children will love the stories Jesus loved to tell them getting his message across. Our children will learn about His ministry through fun stories that with lots of hands on materials, including Legos! These include: Henry’s Bestest Birthday Party Ever! (*Parable of the Unwilling Party Guests*); Let’s Be Backyard Good Samaritans (*Parable of the Good Samaritan*);

INFANT, PRE-SCHOOL, K-1 - Pray ‘n Play – Our toddlers will respond to the concepts of Jesus and Christian behavior. Through ‘kid-friendly’ language, songs, crafts, stories, puppets, and other fun activities children will learn about God and his creation. that Jesus is their friend, and will be always with them and more!

ANS UPDATES – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society would like to send out a very special Thank You to our 2 Sisters Barbara Jean Kalteski & Dr. Barbara Ann Nowicki for Altar Care for the month of August. Asking the Holy Spirit to bestow his blessings on these special "Earth Angels" of our sodality!

Our **next monthly meeting** of the ANS had been previously scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th @ the YMS of R Park @ 5:30 p.m. with a Pot-Luck Theme. However, due to concern for safety with the days getting shorter the meeting will now take place in the church auditoriumsame time ... same theme!!

Looking forward to some shared sisterly fellowship with some delicious dishes prepared by those who choose to spoil us....which is not necessary....but your presence would be an added delight!!!

Thank You & God Bless, *President Kathy Michalina*

THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All interested people are welcome to come to this meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS – will begin Saturday, October 6, 2018 for our young parishioners age eight and older in order to prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Registration is due September 30th.

SPOJNIA SUNDAY – **September 23, 2018** shall commemorate the historic association of the PNU and Polish National Catholic Church and serve as reaffirmation of the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. *Article XXVI, Section 2 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Polish National Union*. As the PNCC celebrates Spojnia Sunday – let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact your PNU Branch Secretary, visit the web site www.pnu.org, or call the PNU Home Office at 800-724-6352 for more information.

CELEBRATING 100% PNU FAMILIES – This year’s Spojnia Sunday contest will celebrate our 100% PNU families and aligns to the PNCC 2018 Future Direction “Year of the Family.” Send us a family photo where everyone in the picture is a PNU member. It can be any combination of your family and extended family, but the photo must contain two or more people and PNU members only. Social membership counts as PNU membership. Provide the full names for everyone shown in the photo and mail the photo to: Kathy Nemkovich, 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721, or email to kathynemkovich@gmail.com. Deadline to receive photos is November 1, 2018. All photos will be entered into a drawing to win \$250 and may be used in future PNU materials. The drawing will be held in December at the PNU Board meeting. If you are not yet a 100% PNU family, you can sign up for PNU membership on Spojnia Sunday or at any time before November 1, 2018 by contacting your Branch Secretary or District Director, visiting us online at www.PNU.org, email us at info@pnu.org, or call the home office at 800-724-6352.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Susan Gorgol offered by mother Marie & family.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **tuna fish** on Sunday, **September 16th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Sept 15** – Kelvin & Janet Swanger

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Tuesday, September 11

8:30 am – sp. Robert & Florence Ostroski by Kowalski & Adams family

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, September 13

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, September 14

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, September 15

8:30 am – sp. Carol Merkel by Jim Merkel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Sept 9** – Stanley Zigmont; **Sept 10** – Edward Borek; **Sept 12** – Zachary Stankowski; **Sept 13** – Adam Weaver, Albert McConnell; **Sept 15** – Felicia Petrillo, Nathan Kalteski

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – **Sept 6th** – *Mt. View: Rosalie Aebli, Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *St. Mary’s Villa: Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME – Annette Cimino, Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Helen Lukasiewicz, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jean Sherman, Jake Stankowski. Please pray for them.

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



September 1, 2018

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

Sharing Our Gifts at Home and in the Parish

By Fr. Scott and Shelley Lill

“Now there are different gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of work, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.” ~1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

While St. Paul was speaking primarily of spiritual gifts in the passage above, the same can really be said about the unique and personal talents that God gives to each one of us. While every person has unique abilities with which the Lord has gifted him or her, they are all granted for a common purpose: to use them for everyone’s good. Sometimes we may be tempted to use our special gifts only for our own benefit, but we know that this would not be pleasing to the Lord who gave them to us. Instead, we are all called to selflessly apply these talents throughout all the areas of our everyday lives, and are reminded that when we do so, wonderful things happen.

First, we actively express our thanks to the One who so generously bestowed such gifts upon us. To use them selfishly or, perhaps worse, to neglect using them at all, would be very ungrateful. When we use them, we are thanking God for our own special talents.

Second, whenever we use our gifts and talents to help others we are actually serving as co-workers with God whose work of sustaining and renewing creation in Christ continues in a wonderful way *through us*. In this way, the Holy Spirit is active in the world and we are his instruments.

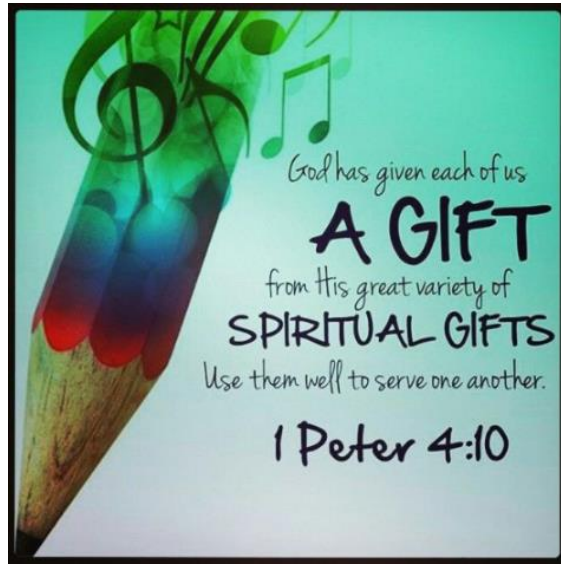
Finally, putting our special gifts into good use leads to our receiving the wonderful fruits of the Holy Spirit among which are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). Overall, whenever we generously use the special gifts that we have received from God, we are helping Him transform the still-fallen world, a little bit at a time, while we ourselves are also changed for the better. We become more holy, which also means we become happier because we are more fully becoming the people He made us to be.

Before we can ever really use these gifts, however, we first need to discern them and then begin to hone them. All of this begins at home within the family. Parents should pray with their children, from a very early age, teaching them to continually ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to them their own unique abilities and how He wants them to use these talents. Many times, adults ask children, “what do you want to be when you grow up?” For us as Christians, however, the question should really be this: “what do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?” Prayerfully helping them begin recognizing their own giftedness and wondering why God may have given them such abilities is a first way by which parents help their children discern their lives’ vocations. This is really a life-long process that begins slowly in childhood, gradually flowers over time as children mature and develop within the family as each gift revealed by God at just the right moment in accord with his plan.

Once personal gifts are acknowledged, even if only partially at first, parents can lead their children in giving thanks to God for such talents and immediately start to encourage them to accept them with gratitude. This really means *inspiring them to start using them*. Parents can have creative conversations with their children to guide them—but not dictate to them—to some particular ways to use them within the home for the whole family’s benefit. This is a great way for children to not only recognize but start to polish their gifts and perfect their talents, while beginning to see the positive impact they can have in the lives of others and starting to experience the great joy that comes from this. Then, with a special contributing role initiated within the family, these unique skills can naturally be extended and put to good use in the life of the parish family. Here are just a few practical examples to demonstrate this:

- *In a family with a younger child who may exhibit a talent for singing and who really seems to enjoy it, the parents can help him or her realize this and then gently nudge them toward sharing it with everyone else, by giving them the honor of leading carols at the family’s Christmas Eve Wigilia. Over time, encouraged by the other family members’ recognition of their special talent and growing in their self-confidence, this gift can eventually be shared in the parish as a member of the youth or adult choirs or even as a cantor.*
- *With a child who may be a bit older and who demonstrates an artistic ability, parents can help him or her recognize this and start to use it, perhaps by drawing pictures to cheer up members of the family who are ill. As the talent is honed and the child personally sees the benefits of sharing it, they can be asked to help make seasonal decorations for S.O.C.L. bulletin boards or crafting homemade cards for the parish’s shut-ins.*

- *Should a family have a (pre)teenager who demonstrates a blossoming talent for leadership or emerging organizational skills, mom and dad can celebrate this as a gift from God and ask him or her to assist in getting younger siblings ready for school by organizing back packs or packing lunches. As this ability matures, they could then assume officer roles in the parish's youth association, help as S.O.C.L. assistants, or lend a much-needed hand in organizing the parish's book cases or office space.*



There are as many opportunities as there are children and gifts. As should be clear by now, however, *the role of the parents is of paramount importance*. Far be it from them to ever discourage their children from using their special talents, parents are the first and enduring source of grateful self-confidence for their children. They are entrusted by God with the weighty and yet joyful duty of guiding them to clearly recognize, diligently develop and begin to use their unique abilities to His glory and for the benefit of others. While this starts at home and then naturally moves into the parish, their endeavors will eventually start to bear fruit throughout every aspect of their lives, as the Lord works with them and through them in ways previously unimagined.

The greatest and most important way that parents can fulfill this responsibility, though, is by *setting a good example for their children*. They themselves must constantly look for as-yet uncovered gifts that God has bestowed upon them, never being afraid to learn something new or to practice unmastered skills, and *to share their own gifts with the family at home and in the parish family*. While moms and dads *could* simply remind their children to pray for guidance in this every day, it's far better when the whole family prays *together* in this way. The whole family—parents and children—together all asking the Lord of Glory, the Giver of all good gifts, to show them *all* exactly how they should use their special talents serve Him and his people that day. As we continue our journey in this Polish National Catholic Year of the Family, this would be a great spiritual practice for each family to embrace. It

would engender within us all a deeper, more humble gratitude to the Lord for the abundant talents with which we are all uniquely graced, and remind us that we are all commissioned to use these gifts to praise their Giver by generously serving his people everywhere.

The Synod of our Holy Church is one month away – let us pray for this Holy Gathering.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we prepare to gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. 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 encouraging all our parishes to please keep in your prayers our upcoming Holy Synod now just one month 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 share the gifts God has given you for the good of your family, parish and our Holy Church. Have a blessed first month of fall.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*