



August/September 2023

St. Stan's News



Don't I know you? You sure look familiar – but a little different somehow.

The Youth Convocation's coming next year from July 22 – 24 in Erie, PA. A PNCC Youth Convocation gives our young people from all over the country the chance to gather for a week of wor-

ship, teaching, recreation, and bonding with other kids from their own parish as well as from other parishes.

Now, if you've ever been in the church parking lots when they return from the convocation, you'd see the parents hauling to their cars, bags of dirty laundry, luggage and other stuff they brought back. This, while their teen is still connected in a huge group hug, trying to hold on for one last moment to the friendships and fellowship that was forged during that special week at convo. Basically, no one wants to say aloud what they all fear, which is that by this time next week the old rivalries and the old cliques will reemerge such that Seniors will no longer treat Freshmen as equals as they did at Convo, and popular kids will no longer mix freely with the kids who are only marginally popular. At convo, they all had the mountain top occurrence.

So how do they – or any of us – hang on to those mountaintop experiences? How do we hang on to that rush of excitement that we experienced when we made a big purchase, for instance, like a house or an Escalade. At first, there's the exhilaration of the sale, not to mention that new car smell. But then there's the inevitable downward slide as reality sets in, such as when the bills come due, or when the new smell of that thing just wears off.

These kinds of mountaintop experiences including the emotional high of a youth convo and the

exhilaration of a major purchase are cherished and valuable, but they're infrequent.

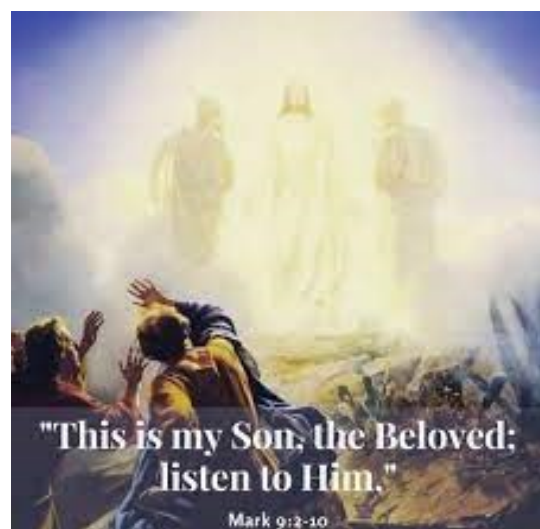
So how do we live in the normal times after we come back down from that mountain top to the valley, the valleys of normalcy, back home where we live out our lives?

Well, first off, while mountaintop experiences are very real and authentic and true they don't last for all that long. However, the memory of that experience calls us back to it again and again while we live out our days back in the valley.

The youth group members might not hold onto their sense of community perfectly when they return to school, but those convo experiences still hold some influence over them, and those significant emotional and enlightening convo moments can still continue to shape the conscience and the faith and discipleship of those teens for a lifetime. I know, it did for me.

But our long-lasting and durable and ongoing experience of being Christ's disciples can never be maintained in these short spurts of lofty visions or great emotions.

Consider Christ's Transfiguration. At the end of the vision of Jesus' glorification, the three disciples were left alone with only Jesus. No more glistening light, no more heavenly voice and no shining clothing - but they were there with the memory of what they saw and what they heard from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



The bible suggests that it's enough for us to have the words of Jesus, and to listen to them.

Sure, the mysterious and wonderful vision the disciples experienced was gone; but the message from it was still there. Sure the youth convo was gone, but the messages from it were still there.

And that's the way we live out our Christian discipleship in the valley back home when we get down from the mountain top. When we have descended, we listen to his message, we take his words seriously, and then we embody those messages of his in our daily lives by his empowering grace.

We can have those mountain top experiences with each other individually, or as a community of believers right here at St Stanislaus or at a youth convo, or at a bible study session. And all those experiences serve to enliven and inspire us. They are brief, explosive emotional highs and elations. But the enduring power that actually sustains us each day in the valley as followers of God's Christ is found in God's messages like: "This is my beloved Son listen to him." That's the truth, and those words will gradually transfigure all of us.

Just " listen to him." Don't I know you? You sure look familiar - but a little different somehow.

Bishop Bernard

Sp. Rt. Rev Jarosław Rafalko



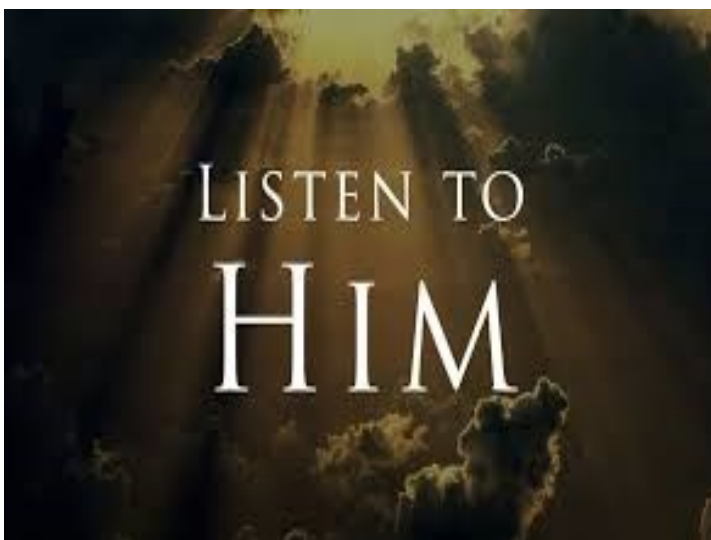
It is with great sadness that we announce that the sp. Rt. Rev. Jarosław (Jerry) Rafalko, Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese, P.N.C.C., entered into the eternal rest of the Lord, on July 13, 2023. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 33 years, Leslie (Wieslawa) Rafalko.

Born on January 24, 1955, he was the son of the late Wanda and Jan Rafalko. Bishop Rafalko was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1980, in Bialystok, Poland. He was appointed Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish PNCC in Kewanee, IL in 1990 and appointed Administrative Senior of the Northcentral Seniorate of the Western Diocese PNCC in August of 2016. On October 25, 2019, Bishop Jerry was elected as Bishop of the Western Diocese PNCC. He was consecrated at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, Pennsylvania on Sept. 14, 2020, and his installation as Bishop at All Saints Cathedral Parish in Chicago, IL, was held on October 3, 2020.

Bishop Rafalko lay in state at All Saints PNCC Cathedral prior to the funeral, which was on Tuesday, July 25th. The Interment was private. Donations will be used to benefit a future Scholarship in the Bishop's name, or a donation can be made to the Youth Fund of the Polish National Catholic Church.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Jerry's years of ministry as a Priest within the Western Diocese and as the Bishop of the Western Diocese. We ask that you keep his wife, Leslie; the Western Diocese; and all the parishes of the Western Diocese in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.





Parish Picnic

Although it may not have been the best of weather for this year's annual Second Sunday parish picnic on July 9th, the Good Lord did watch over us. With everyone seated under the pavilion,

Mass began, and the heavens opened with drenching rain. Bishop Nowicki celebrated the mass with Father Janusz Lucarz assisting and Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky delivered the homily. The Cathedral Chorale sang with Becky Elfman at the keyboard.

When Mass was ending, so did the rain. The picnic lunch began with the help of the men from the YMS of R making sure everyone was safe. POSH served all a delicious lunch which included mini pulled pork sliders, hot dogs on a bun, pierogi, kielbasa, halushki, potato salad and coleslaw.



Mrs. Frances Loss was surprised on her 97th birthday with a visit from her daughter, Wanda Donihoo and her brother, Edward Miesionczek of Sun City,

Florida, plus a birthday cake from the members of the ANS. After singing Happy Birthday and Sto Lat, everyone was treated to cake and ice cream sundaes.

Despite the weather, it was a beautiful day of prayer followed by food and fellowship. If you missed the merri-ment this year, keep the second Sunday in July open for 2024! Enjoy the collage of pictures from the day!



ANS Raffle

Dearest Sisters of The Most Blessed Sacrament Society, Parishioners and Friends of those who contributed to our Huge Basket Raffle Success,

Our Society is ever so very grateful for your generous monetary and personal donations to help make this exciting event possible! Winners of the raffle were pulled Sunday, July 9th after 8 o'clock mass.

My congratulations to all the winners. We do so hope you enjoy your winnings of baskets, specialty items, lottery tickets and gift cards.



We had exceptional men/women of great honesty who in a most orderly manner assisted in the drawings. My grateful thanks to our Pastor of the Cathedral, Bishop Bernard Nowicki who blessed us with his presence and participation as well as overseeing that the entire raffle was handled in an utmost orderly & professional manner! Beside Bishop those who assisted and witnessed the drawings were; Kathleen Michalina, Jessica Notari, Eve Hughes, John Andrzejewski, Joan Scheuneman and Gloria Theil.

As President, I would like to offer my sincerest heartfelt and grateful thanks and praise to Jessica Notari, 2nd Vice- President, for an awesome and outstanding accomplishment in striving to make this event possible. Her endeavors of time invested, diligence and accuracy were of the utmost, along with her awesome smile and personality of enthusiasm! We are truly blessed to have this vivacious young woman as an officer/member of our sodality!

May the Holy Spirit Bless Jessica and all who once again unselfishly put forth their mone-



tary offerings, gifts of donations by members, friends, and establishments for contributions in making this a successful event.

Proceeds will be donated to The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Stanislaus with enthusiastic desires to aid in help of continued devotion, development, provisional beautifica-



tion, and preservation of this awesome cathedral, founded and established by Our Most Beloved First Bishop, the Most Reverend Francis Hodur. May he look upon us with his Blessings of Joy and Smiles from Heaven as we carry onward of his dreams fulfilled, now & forever. Amen

PROUD to BE a Parishioner of this Great Cathedral... with membership title of Society President,

Kathleen A. Michalina

Welcome New Member

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Ryan Tempaugh as a "new member" of St. Stanislaus Cathedral. Ryan grew up at St. Stanislaus and has recently moved back to the area. He wanted to reconnect with his church roots. You may see Ryan back on the altar as an acolyte on Sunday.

Ryan is the brother of Eve Tempaugh who also rejoined the parish and Father Janusz recently christened her daughter Madelyn. Ryan was officially accepted into St. Stanislaus at the August meeting.

Congratulations to Ryan and we are looking forward to worshiping and working with you.



Flea Market Prep!

During the month of July, the kitchen crew prepared for the flea market food sales. The almost "homemade" pierogi were acquired and approximately 700 piggies had been made. The halushki, clam chowder and wimpies were done and everything was ready for the big days to come.



Volunteers also set up the Youth Center with everything from knick-knacks to large pieces of furniture. We had veteran helpers along with some new faces. It was a great time and lots of comradery.

The Exterminators Came, They Saw, and They Conquered!!!



It was amazing. The sidewalk in front of the Youth Center was jammed Friday, July 21st before 9:00 a.m. "The Flea Market exterminators," wanting to seek out their individual treasures at the Giant Flea Market, were anxious to have the doors open. Besides wanting to get a good bargain, Polish food was also high on the

patrons' list.

Bishop Nowicki and Father Janusz began the "festivities" before the doors opened, with words of thanks, encouragement, and prayers for all the workers.



There were plenty of parishioners and friends who were there to assist the many people looking for their bargains. A lot of old faces and new faces came together, laughing, sweating, working, talking, and spreading the word.

The Kitchen did phenomenal and ran smoothly with the help of many who kept the service hopping!

The Giant Flea Market was a great success with proceeds surpassing all the previous years. The final amount hasn't been completely determined due to income still being realized after the event, but we broke our own record.

Enjoy the collage of pictures and hopefully we'll see you there next year!

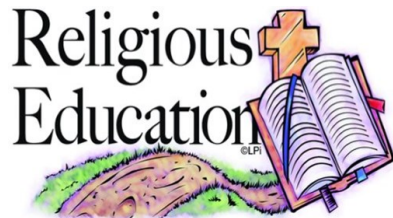


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WOW!!!!!! Another Amazing year for St. Stanislaus Flea Market

The food was flying out of the kitchen with all those outstanding volunteers, and THANK YOU to all the parishioners, volunteers, and Boy/Cub Scouts. Furniture and knick/knacks, jewelry, decorations disappeared as fast as we could put them on the tables. The Youth Center was full of laughter, smiles and full bellies. Customers took Polish food home and lots of treasures. Without ALL the volunteers that came out to clean, sort, price, prepare food, serve food, carry furniture, and make numerous pickups of items this major fundraiser would not be as much fun to work and be as successful as it has become. On behalf of the Flea Market Committee the Biggest Heartfelt THANK YOU!!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!! Words could never express this enough.

Sincerely, Lorne Notari
Flea Market Chairman



Sign up for Catechism Classes/ Sunday School

It is time to begin signing up for Catechism classes

for First Holy Communion which will be held in June of 2024 and Confirmation which will be held in May of 2025. Children for First Holy Communion must be 8 years of age when receiving the Sacrament and 14 years of age when receiving Confirmation.

If your child or grandchild is ready for the Sacrament, please contact Fr. Janusz at the rectory, 570-343-6017 or the parish office at 570-961-9231.

Further details about the start of classes and the times will be announced in the bulletin.

Plans are being made to start SOCL classes at the beginning of October.

Letters will be going out to families with children in preschool and up. If you know someone who would be interested in Sunday School

classes, please have them contact Lu Ann Kaszuba in the parish office or sign up after church on Sunday.

We will also be in need of teachers. Please let us know if you can be helpful. Come join the fun and plant the roots of a Christian Education.



Dormition/ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, August 15th at noon, the Solemnity of the Dormition/ Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated in the Cathedral.

Before Mass, Father Janusz blessed the flowers and herbs that were brought to church by the faithful. This is a special Polish Tradition in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass was then celebrated by Father Janusz with Bishop Nowicki seated in the Sanctuary.

Attending the mass and celebrating her 97th



birthday on August 15th, was Helen Lukasiewicz with her niece and nephew Emily and Greg Krenitsky.

Boys Scout Camping

Troop 42 (our church troop) and Troop 407 (Pleasant Mount, Notari family) along with boys from Troop 160 (Stankowski family) spent a fun filled week at Goose Pond Scout Reservation from Sunday July 9th till Saturday July 15th.



Ryan Notari was again on Aquatics Staff and Josh Notari back in the kitchen, with Lorne doing repairs, moving equipment and troop gear.

Everyone had a great time!!! Enjoy the pictures of Troop 42 getting ready for camp and at Goose Pond Camp.



Correction: Mrs. Gorgol Has Moved

Mrs. Marie Gorgol has moved to:

37 Winthrop St.

Fall River, MA 02721

Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers



47th Dożynki Harvest Festival

Holy Mother of Sorrows will be holding their 47th Dożynki Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:30 AM till 6 PM on their church grounds, 212 Wyoming Avenue, Dupont, PA. Mass will be celebrated at 10 followed by the blessing of the Harvest Wreath in the church.

Altar Flower Fund

If you are interested in making a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Connie Tel-

lep at 570-222- 4409. The donation would be \$60 to cover the cost for a Sunday. If you just want to donate any amount to the fund, you can send a check made payable to ANS Flower Fund, to the Parish office or just drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your help.



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event will be held on Wednesday, October 18th in all the Boscov's Stores.

For a \$5.00 donation, you receive a coupon for 25% discount shopping pass (there are some stipulations listed on the pass) and a chance to win a \$100 Boscov Gift Card. 100% of your donation goes to St. Stanislaus. You may get your coupon in the parish office on Sunday or by contacting the parish office, 570-961-9231 during the week.

Let your light so shine
before men, that they
may see your good
works, and glorify your
Father which is in
heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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Mark Your Calendars!

Here are some of the upcoming events, so mark your calendars to keep them in mind.

Aug. 9th – 11th - National United Choirs 36th General Convention/28th Music Workshop in Dupont, PA

Aug. 15th – Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Mass at Noon

Aug. 25th —National YMS or R Golf Tournament in Broadview Heights, Ohio

Sept. 2nd - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 10th – Solemnity of Brotherly Love

Oct. 7th - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 8th – Solemnity of the Christian Family

Oct. 18th – Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Nov. 1st –All Saints' Day
Holy Mass at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 2nd – All Soul's Day
Holy Mass at Noon
Services at the Cemetery 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving

Nov. 26th – Solemnity of Christ the King

Dec. 2nd – One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 3rd – First Sunday in Advent

Dec. 10th - YMS of R Breakfast with Santa following the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Dec. 16th – Wreaths Across America Noon

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day



August/September Birthdays

Aug 1 – Michael Golembeski
Diane Cimino
Paul Kowalski

Aug 2 – Joan Bogdanski
Hermina Koshinski

Aug 3 – Eleanor Schuster
Kaitlyn Gingerlowski

Aug 4 – Wendy Merkel-Hendricks

Aug 5 – Cecelia Gorgol

Aug 6 – Craig Kowalski

Aug 7 – Florence Sadauskas
John Kotula

Aug 8 – Diane Fallon
Jolanta Piszczek

Aug 11 – Jacek Grotnik

Aug 14 – Johanna Maroon
Chester James Noto

Aug 15 – Regina Petrunich
Stephen Karsnak
Helen Lukasiewicz
Krystyna Grotnik

Aug 17 – Karter Bidwell

Aug 19 – Ronald Nitch
Summer Noto

Aug 20 – Chester Lukasiewicz

Aug 22 – Wanda Petrillo

Aug 24 – Amelia Smicherko

Aug 25 – Ronald Kochan
Amanda Evans

Aug 26 – Christine Patrick
Grace Grotnik

Aug 29 – Christine Gerardi
Laura Nitch

Sept 1 – Joshua Notari
Alfred Ankerway

Sept 2 – Janet Meleski

Sept 4 – Samuel Raub

Sept 5 – Jennifer Gerardi

Sept 6 – Christine Ross
Amy Reap

Sept 7 – Deborah Godek

Sept 9 – Chloe Thomas

Sept 10 – Edward Borek

Sept 12 – Zachary Stankowski

Sept 13 – Andrew Doyle

Sept 15 – Felicia Petrillo
Nathan Kalteski
John Urban

Sep 18 – Marie Gorgol

Sep 19 – Cheryl Lukasiewicz

Sep 20 – Elizabeth Zygmunt

Sep 21 – Marlene Hill

Sep 23 – Mari Jane Stankowski

Sep 26 – Raymond Godek

Luke Golembeski

Sept 27 – Matthew Caruso

Sept 28 – Carl Kaszuba
Lynn Pfohl

Sept 30 – Francis Lyckowski
Billy Boock Jr.



August/September Anniversaries

Aug 5 – Samuel & Susan Raub

Michael & Patricia Golembeski
Kevin & Lisa McConlogue

Aug 8 – Mark & Sharon Matylewicz

Aug 9 – Joe & Kathy Annacarto

Aug 20 – Jerome & Maria Hughes

Aug 21 – Paul Jr. & Amy Kowalski

Aug 22 – Stan & Elizabeth Zygmunt

Aug 26 – Richard & MaryAnn Segiel

Aug 29 – Al & Ann Ankerway

Sept 7 – W. Michael & Linda Umerich

Sept 8 – Stephen & Brenda Karsnak

Sept 15 – Kelvin & Janet Swanger

Sept 19 – Michael & Kathy Matza

Sept 28 – Jerry Pritchett & Josephine Kwiatkowski