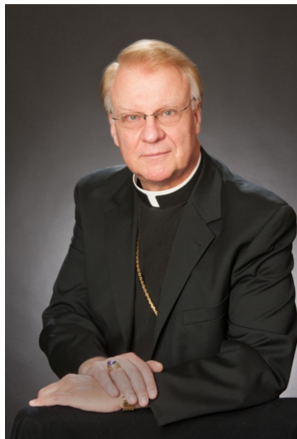




St. Stan's News



He's my neighbor? Yer kidding! Really?

On the second Sunday of the September this year, two major themes were sounded for us both as Polish National Catholics and as American citizens: In our Church we observed the Solemnity of Brotherly Love, and within

our nation, the following day, 9/11, we marked the twenty-second anniversary of the attack on three places in our country on the same day. Strangely these two observances amplified each other: *i.e.*, brotherly love and the human response to all three tragic attacks.

The Gospel that was proclaimed for that Solemnity included the Good Samaritan Parable. That story just may be one of the easiest parables to understand, but one of the hardest to implement. The lesson that parable teaches may be the hardest to live out in faith because it reveals a great deal about the method by which you and I should be neighborly towards other people. And in the story, it's given to the lawyer to define the method by which to be neighborly. When the lawyer describes who the neighbor is, he does so using the criteria of activity and action, *i.e.*, the neighbor's activity and action: the neighbor, he says, is the one who goes about showing mercy through kindness and love and sacrifice. These three are actions of neighborliness: kindness, love and sacrifice.

On 9/11 two planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in NYC, and another hijacked plane ultimately crashed to the ground in Shanksville, a town near Johnstown, PA. Then a fourth plane crashed into the Pentagon building in Washington, DC.

Do you remember the videos of the first responders running in the opposite direction of

people fleeing from the damaged Trade Center? They were police, firefighters, EMTs.

Do you remember the firemen rushing up the stairwells while people were descending to escape harm? 343 firefighters were lost.

Brotherly love. "Greater love than this no one has [than] to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Indeed, these heroes of 9/11 teach all of us what brotherly love is.

These first responders answered with their very lives the question of who is my neighbor.

To love one's neighbor means caring for those with whom you would not normally have a relationship, even your enemies, whom Jesus told you to love (Luke 6:27, 35). That's why your neighbor is anyone you can help, not just those you want to help.

Those 9/11 heroes loved neighbors as much as they loved themselves. In fact, they were being neighbors to strangers just like the Samaritan was.

The Shanksville passengers on flight 93 over Pennsylvania that morning, overpowered their hijackers, stormed into the pilot's cabin and sacrificed themselves by crashing to the ground in Shanksville in order to avoid loss of life in the heavier populated urban center to which they were being hijacked, and where they were intended to crash and die.

Many first responders were killed that day, and many of them survived, except that many of them contracted diseases like mesothelioma and lung cancer all for brotherly love and as a consequence of their heroism. Indeed, they gave



much more than the money the Good Samaritan paid to the innkeeper. They ended up sacrificing their good health for the sake of others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and you shall [love] your neighbor as [you love] yourself" (Luke 10:27). To follow Christ means you must be ready to help whomever God brings into your life. To be a follower of Jesus is to love like Jesus did, and to have mercy on others and to be neighborly to everyone.

If you're following Jesus, you'll live like the Good Samaritan, responding to the needs of those around you. If you see a person in need, see how you can help him. If you know of someone who is suffering, see how you can help her.

You are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ who said, "Go and do likewise!" That's brotherly love. The Good Samaritans of 9/11, twenty-two years ago can be your models. They're your examples to guide you and to show you the way.

Yeah. He's yer neighbor. Really!

Bishop Bernard



Spojnia Sunday

On Sunday, September 24th, we celebrated Spojnia Sunday here at the Cathedral. After 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. mass the PNU treated those parishioners who attended church to coffee and pastries. Placed on the tables were flyers and some takeaways for each of the parishioners. At the coffee hour representing the PNU were John Andrzejewski, Julie Andrzejewski, and Joan Schuneman. Both John and Joan have faithfully served the PNU for 35 years.

Thank you to the Polish National Union for the special treat but mostly for all that they do for the Polish National Catholic Church and all its members.

A New Acolyte Server

We are blessed to have a new acolyte serving at the altar on Sunday. Ryan Tempaugh, who recently moved back to the area and has joined our parish, wanted to reconnect with his old altar server ways.

Ryan used to serve at the altar when he was young and asked if he could be of help on Sunday mornings to be of service to the clergy.

We greatly appreciate Ryan's desire to serve the church.



Welcome Back

Welcome back to Cleric Sean Dodd. Cleric Sean spent the summer back home in Texas with his family and has now returned to the seminary for his second year of study.

We are looking forward to seeing him around St. Stanislaus and working with him in our parish life.





Sign Up for Catechism and Sunday School

First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes will begin on Saturday, October 7th and School of Christian Living classes

will begin on Sunday, October 8th for the new school year. If you have children or grandchildren who could be enrolled in Catechism or Sunday School classes, please contact the parish office (570-961-9231) or come to the library in the church hall after 9:30a.m. Mass on Sunday.

We will also be in need of teachers and volunteers. Please let us know if you can be helpful.

Come join the fun and plant the roots of a Christian Education. There will be pictures of the first day of class in the next newsletter.

And Now There Are Many!

There were only two exit signs in the church, and they were not battery backed-up. Now thanks to Walt Sadauskas with the help of Joe Sznyter, those two signs have been replaced plus 9 additional lighted exit signs have been installed along with two photo-luminescent exit signs placed upstairs in the church narthex.



Four additional emergency lights were installed in the church auditorium, nave and library.



A big thanks to Walt Sadauskas and Joe Sznyter for all

their hard work in bringing our parish up to code.



Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

The 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) and a chance to win a \$100 Boscov Gift Card. 100% of your donation goes to St. Stanislaus.

You may get your coupon by contacting the parish office, 570-961-9231 during the week or in the parish hall on Sunday.

If you have any questions call the parish office.



100th Anniversary of the McAdoo Parish

The Congregation of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 44 E. Adams Street in McAdoo, Pa wishes to invite you to celebrate with us the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our parish.

Holy Mass to celebrate the event will be at the church on Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m., with the Right Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese as celebrant. A reception with homemade dinner prepared by the Parish Committee and a short program will be held immediately following in the parish hall. No RSVP is necessary.



HELP US HELP THEM CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen
in conjunction with
St. Stanislaus Cathedral's One Hot Meal

WHAT

We are collecting clothing to donate and distribute using the new **MOBILE CLOTHING CLOSET**

WHEN

Saturday, Noon, **Oct 7th**

WHERE

St. Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center Alley-way
Rear 529 East Locust Street

HOW TO DONATE

- Bring your clothing to St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 9:30AM Saturday morning of Oct 7th
- OR -
- CONTACT: Linda Seliga
1-480-329-7021



www.saintstanislauspncc.org

Help Us Help Them - Clothing Drive

The St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Conjunction with St. Stanislaus Cathedral's One Hot Meal will hold a clothing drive on Saturday, October 7th at noon in the Youth Center alleyway. We are collecting clothing to donate and distribute using the new Mobile Clothing Closet. To donate you can bring your clothing to St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 9:30 am Saturday, October 7th or contact Linda Seliga 480-329-7021.



They're Back!!!!

Scouting Troop 42 has begun its new season in September. Here are some pictures from opening night. Now is the time to join the Cub Scouts or Boys Scouts of Troop 42. They meet every Wednesday in the lower level of the Youth Center starting at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to join, contact:
Danny King Cub Master/Assistant Scout Master
570-357-2440 or dannyking@yahoo.com





All Saints and All Souls Day

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 1st at noon and 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All Souls Day will be celebrated on Thursday, November 2nd, at noon in the Cathedral with the reading of the Memorial List-Wypominki. Services will also be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Cemetery rain or shine.

Envelopes for All Souls Day will be in the vestibule of the Cathedral, or you may pick one up at the church office. Please call first to make sure someone is in the office, 570-961-9231.



Halloween Party

Join us for our inaugural Halloween Party on Friday, October 27th in the Youth Center. This event will be for those 21 years of age and over. Dress up, dance and enjoy a fun night with your favorite drinks and snacks; B.Y.O.B. and B.Y.O.S. If you bring them you know you'll like them!

Chips, pretzels, soda and water will be provided. Admission is \$10 and we also ask you to please bring a new pair of socks, any size, for those in need in our community.

Make your reservation by calling 570-587-3672.

HALLOWEEN PARTY!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
7PM TO 11PM
ADULTS ONLY AGES 21 AND OVER
B.Y.O.B.
BRING YOUR FAVORITE PARTY FOOD, TOO!

DRESS UP! **DANCE!**

BRING A NEW PAIR OF SOCKS, ANY SIZE, TO BE DONATED TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHIPS, PRETZELS, SODA & WATER PROVIDED

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FRIGHT AND FUN!
\$10 PER PERSON
FOR TICKETS:
570-587-3672
ST. STANISLAUS P.N.C.C. YOUTH CENTER
530 EAST ELM ST. SCRANTON

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Relief Effort for Janet Kelly

In the wake of the terrible rains very recently in the Scranton, PA area, our Diocesan secretary and administrator of the Diocesan Enlivening program, Janet Kelly, had her house condemned due to irreparable water damage to it. We will be collecting funds for her to replace domestic and personal items lost to the waters that destroyed her house.



Donations to Janet in this venture can be made through the Primate's office with checks payable to Janet Kelly and mailed to
 Prime Bishop Mikovsky
 1006 Pittston Avenue
 Scranton, PA 18505

Donors who prefer to remain anonymous can mail checks payable to: Central Diocese PNCC. These checks can be mailed to:
 Central Diocesan Chancery
 515 East Locust Street
 Scranton, PA 18505

Your help in this matter will be tremendously appreciated.



Good Bye and Hello

After 46 years of working at St. Stanislaus as the principal/teacher in the Elementary School and as office manager, Lu Ann Kaszuba is retiring. Lu Ann will continue to volunteer around the church but will be taking time to spend with her husband and family.



We would like to welcome Mary Zahorsky as our new office manager. Mary is not a stranger to St. Stanislaus. She has been a substitute teacher and teacher at the Elementary School and both Mary and her daughter Madison have graced the Cathedral Choral with their beautiful voices.

This will be a period of transition for Mary so please have patience with her as she learns the routine and procedures in the parish office.



Mark Your Calendars!

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

- Oct. 7th** - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.
Blessing of the Animals 1:00 p.m.
In the church parking lot
- 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. 4th** - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11th** - Veterans Day
- Nov. 23rd** - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26th** - Solemnity of Christ the King
- Dec. 2nd** - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.
Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential
Services 11:00 a.m. in Holy Mother of
Sorrows Parish in Dupont

- Dec. 3rd** - First Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 6th**— Rorate Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Dec. 10th** - YMS of R Breakfast with Santa
following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Dec. 13th** - Rorate Mass 6:30 a.m.
Life Line Screening Youth Center
- Dec. 16th** - Wreaths Across America St. Stanislaus
Cemetery Noon
- Dec. 20th** - Rorate Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24th** - Fourth Sunday in Advent and
Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25th** - Christmas Day
- Dec. 26th** - Feast of St. Stephen
- Dec. 27th** - Feast of St. John
- Jan. 1st** - Circumcision of Our Lord
- Jan. 6th** - One Hot Meal Noon till 1:00 p.m.



October Birthdays

- Oct 1** - Bernie Kalteski
- Oct 4** - Leon Stankowski Jr.
Paul Kowalski Jr.
- Oct 5** - Samuel Raub II
- Oct 8** - Maria Hughes
- Oct 11** - Dan Zahorsky, Jr.
Lewis Edwards
Andrew Edwards
Elizabeth Pfohl

- Kevin (Freddie)
McConlogue, Sr.
- Oct 12** - Constance Tellep
Bill Boock
- Oct 13** - Joshua Stankow-
ski
- Arlene Jarocho
Matthew Pfohl
- Oct 15** - Peter Arvonio III
- Oct 19** - Alexander Zygmunt
- Oct 21** - Patty Golembeski
- Oct 24** - Frank Gerardi
- Oct 27** - Joyce Pietrzykowski
- Oct 30** - Braelyn Reed



Oct. 31 - Lincoln Meleski

October Anniversaries

- Oct 3** - Arthur & Denise
Golembeski
- Oct 4** - Peter & Miranda
Arvonio
- Oct 5** - Joseph & Marlene
Yaron
- Oct 7** - Angelo & Joann Valvano
- Oct 11** - Raymond & Deborah
Godek
- Oct 15** - Paul & Diane Cimino
- Oct 25** - Bill & Darlene Boock

The Fresh Grocer Cards Are Here

Gerrity's Fresh Grocer gift cards are here in the Parish Office for sale. You can get your \$25 gift card during the week by calling the parish office (570-961-9231) and arranging to pick them up or you can stop in the parish office on Sunday.

