

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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

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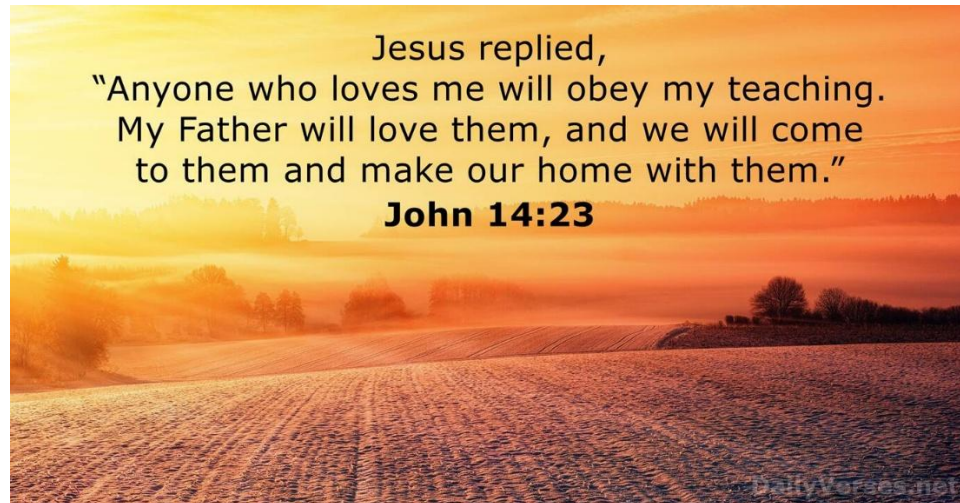
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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 25, 2025**



**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**

Sunday school ends with a presentation of certificates at 9:30 am Mass.

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am – Memorial Day Mass (see announcement)

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm – Marian Devotions with Litany and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Ascension Day, Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am – Holy Mass, lower chapel

**12 noon – Holy Mass, Cathedral**

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

**Next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter – First Holy Communion**

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

**Memorial Day Mass** will be celebrated **tomorrow at 10:00 am** at the cemetery - **rain or shine**. Rainy day venue: Park pavilion. Join us on this solemn day of remembrance at Holy Mass and honor those who died serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**Communion Class Project on the Church** – Please take the opportunity to see in the lower auditorium Father Janusz’s students’ communion class projects on the table at the double doors. They were learning about aspects of the Mass and special services of worship within the church building, along with people they would encounter there for Mass and services. The lessons also turned on their learning the difference between the church building itself and the Church, capital “C”, as the Body of Christ in the world.

*Lectors:*

**5/25** – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina  
9:30 – Maria Hughes  
11:15 – David Rychleski  
**6/1** – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski  
9:30 – Dave Seliga  
11:15 – David Rychleski

**Flag Blessing** – This morning a flag is donated to the Cathedral Parish by June Sarnowski in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Robert Sarnowski. The new flag will replace the current banner displayed in our sanctuary to the left of the altar as viewed from the nave. We are grateful to June for this beautiful and meaningful gift offered, dedicated, and blessed on this Memorial Day weekend.

**What is the Ascension?** – The “ascension” refers to the moment recorded in Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:3-11 in which Jesus leaves his disciples and ascends to heaven, with the promise of returning “in the same way [they] saw him” leave (Acts 1:11). The account is brief, and it can be tempting to treat it as less important than his death and resurrection.

On the contrary, many of the benefits we enjoy as Christians and many of the realities we take for granted exist precisely *because* of the ascension. In other words, the ascension is not so much about Jesus *leaving* but about him *arriving* to his throne.

The ascension is why we call Jesus our “King” where “[Jesus] pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father.” He intercedes for us (Romans 8:34), bringing our prayers to the Father who accepts those prayers because of his Son. Hebrews 9:24 also says that he appeared “in the presence of God *on our behalf*.”

There’s a direct link between Jesus’ ascension and our acceptance with God. Michael Bird writes, “With the ascension and exaltation of Jesus, the door into the presence of God is permanently open for us.”

This means that we can boldly approach God in prayer *because* Jesus ascended. It means that when we are tempted to doubt God’s love for us or when we are struggling with guilt over our sin, we can experience comfort and security, precisely because Jesus is in God’s presence on our behalf.

Also, after ascending to the Father, Jesus “sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit’s power we make the goal of our lives, the things which are above where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.” “ .... *because* Jesus ascended, we have the Holy Spirit (John 7:39; 16:7; Acts 2:33). The Spirit is at working transforming us to look more like Jesus. He is at working spreading the message of Jesus across the world.

“And Jesus came and said to them, .... Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them .... [and] teaching them .... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Polish National Alliance Council #301** is holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 6:00 pm to be held at 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505. All are welcome to attend and a light dinner will be served. Please call Patricia Evanchyk at (570) 780-0636 to reserve your spot for the dinner meeting, the deadline is Monday, June 2, 2025. Thank you.

**Our New St. Stanislaus PNCC App 1.0 is Here!** – We’re excited to announce the launch of **our brand-new St. Stanislaus PNCC App**—your all-in-one way to stay connected with our parish community wherever you go!

- Watch live streams
- Read daily scripture
- Get updates on parish events
- Access bulletins, announcements, and more

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Let’s stay connected, grow in faith, and make it easier than ever to be part of our church family—right from your phone!

**Exciting News from our Youth Center** – We’re pleased to share some great developments happening at our Youth Center! Earlier this year, we welcomed Jason “Jay” Seliga as a consultant to help us improve the facility and grow its rental potential which is an important step in generating additional support for our parish.

As of April 23, 2025, Jay was officially approved by the Parish Committee to take on the newly established role of Youth Center Manager. We are grateful for his leadership as we continue to enhance this important space.

One of the first major projects under Jay’s guidance will be the parish committee approved refinishing of the Youth Center floor, scheduled to begin the week of May 27.

Once completed, we look forward to inviting you in to see the refreshed space that is already home to many community events and to catch a glimpse of what’s to come as we work toward a vibrant future together.

Stay tuned for more updates!

**Positions Available!** – Over the years, we’ve been fortunate to have many wonderful individuals assist us in a variety of roles. While many have since “graduated” from these positions, there are still ongoing opportunities for those looking to earn a little extra income—especially during the summer months.

From mowing grass to assisting with repairs alongside Walt or helping out at the Youth Center, we are always looking for dependable individuals interested in part-time work. These are paid positions, with wages processed through payroll (including tax deductions).

**If you know someone—perhaps a student or young adult—who is interested in earning a small hourly wage this summer and possibly beyond, please share their name and areas of interest with Mary in the Parish Office at 570-961-9231.**

#### **Current Needs**

- **Cemetery & Cathedral Campus Lawn Care**

We currently have two college students helping us who will remain with us until the fall. We’re unsure what coverage will look like beyond that, so we are beginning to plan ahead.

- **Youth Center Support**

As our Youth Center continues to evolve, we are building a list of reliable helpers. Compensation for these roles is included in our rental structure, and we’d love to have a backup team or “bench” of helpers ready to assist as needed.

Of course, **volunteers are always welcome** too! We’re grateful for any and all who give of their time and talents to support our parish.

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

- *The St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish Committee*

**8th Annual Bishop Stanley Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat** – It is time once again for registration for our 8th annual Men's Spiritual Retreat. The dates this year are **June 18th-21st at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center in Waymart, PA**. All registration forms and information pertaining to the Retreat can be found at the website linked below. Please reach out with any questions you may have. **Registration forms also available in the lower auditorium.**

**Retreat Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>

**YMS of R Grove Rental** – Hurry, hurry, hurry, reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2025! If you would like to reserve the YMS of R Grove for a summer outing, please **contact Artie Golembeski at 570-575-5231 or via email at 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 Grotto on **May 26<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day**, are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Anthony & Loretta Mikovsky, and Francis & Stella Golembeski offered by Prime Bishop Anthony and Carol Mikovsky.

**Altar Flower Fund** – What a gesture of affection it would be to make a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! To follow through on exactly that, please contact Connie Tellep at 570-222- 4409. A donation of \$60 would cover the cost for a Sunday. Of course, a donation of any amount to the fund is always welcomed. Simply 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 in bringing beauty in glorifying God.

***THIS WEEK’S  
LITURGIES***

**Monday, May 26**  
10:00 am – Memorial Day Mass  
**Tuesday, May 27**  
8:30 am – Holy Mass  
**Wednesday, May 28**  
8:30 am – Holy Mass  
**Thursday, May 29**  
8:30 am – Healing Mass  
**Friday, May 30**  
8:30 am – Holy Mass  
**Saturday, May 31**  
8:00 am – Holy Mass

***Church Dates Ahead***

**June is Clergy Appreciation Month**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> – First Holy Communion**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup> – One Hot Meal**  
Noon till 1:00 p.m.  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Cathedral Confirmation on Pentecost**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup> Father’s Day**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men’s  
Spiritual Retreat in Waymart**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of Corpus Christi**  
7:00 p.m. at St. Adalbert’s, Dickson City, PA

