

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day May 10, 2026



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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Tuesday, May 12th

7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

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

Wednesday, May 13th

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

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 14th

8:30 am – Holy Mass, *lower chapel*

12:00 pm – Holy Mass, Cathedral

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, May 16th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Next Sunday, May 17th –Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

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*.” Michael Bird writes, “With the ascension and exaltation of Jesus, the door into the presence of God is permanently open for us.”

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 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.

Lectors:

5/10 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Maria Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

5/17 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Tera Jean Notari

11:15 – David Rychleski

PNCC Men's Spiritual Retreat - *THEME: "Broken Chains"*
"God brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains"
- *Psalms 107:14*

To the Men of Saint Stanislaus Cathedral:

You are warmly invited to attend the **9th Annual Bishop Stanley Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat**. This year's retreat will take place **from June 17–20 at the Bishop Hodur Retreat & Camp; Recreation Center** in Waymart, Pennsylvania. These days are set aside for renewal, strengthening and recommitment to our faith as Catholic men.

Too often, we intend to grow spiritually, to reconnect, to deepen our relationship with God—but we delay. This retreat is an opportunity placed before us now.

Whether this is your first time or you have attended before, your presence matters. The Church needs faithful, grounded, and spiritually strong men—and this retreat is one way we grow into that calling.

The retreat is open to all men of the Polish National Catholic Church. **The cost for the full retreat is \$175**, which includes lodging and meals. We hope you will consider joining us for this meaningful and spiritually enriching experience.

For more info, visit the United YMS of R Facebook page or register today on our retreat site: <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofmensretreat/home> (*very colorful and full of information*).

REGISTRATION FORMS on the lower auditorium table next to the piano.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Lord,
The Retreat Planning Sub-Committee

Our YMS of R men's society will underwrite the registration fee for each Cathedral participant.

Men's Retreat Venue

Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center
554 Honesdale Road, Waymart, PA 18472

In 1929 it was Bishop Francis Hodur's vision to establish a facility that would provide a natural and wholesome environment for youth, a serene setting for the elderly and a place suitable for religious retreats, patriotic picnics and family gatherings. Fast forward 96 years, and his vision lives on with the retreat facility in his namesake.

Our Venue is as much a part of our retreat as the speaker sessions and holy mass. Feel your stress fade away as you take in the beautiful rolling Pennsylvania mountains and breath-taking sunsets. The retreat center also offers a swimming pool, hiking trails, grand commons area, newly renovated Great Hall, Volleyball and Baseball fields, secluded pond filled with large bass for fishing, and Wi-Fi along with many other amenities as well. For a full list of items to bring with you for your stay, please download the attached document by clicking the button below.

One Hot Meal Thank You – One Hot Meal would like to thank Florence Sadauskas for obtaining food donations from the New Vision Pioneers Scranton Club for our food pantry. We greatly appreciate all the donations made by our Parishioners!

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **pasta and sauce** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

YMS of R Grove Rental – Hurry, hurry, hurry, reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2026! 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 artibowl@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 high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all mothers.

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 11
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Tuesday, May 12
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Wednesday, May 13
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Ascension Day, May 14
8:30 am – Holy Mass, *lower chapel*
12:00 pm – Holy Mass, Cathedral
Friday, May 15
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Saturday, May 16
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

May 24th – Pentecost
May 25th – Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery
May 29–31st: Mission & Evangelism Workshop
June 4 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi at Providence of God Parish, North Scranton
June 17-20th: YMSR Men's Retreat, Waymart
June 21st – Father's Day
July 4–11th: Kurs, Waymart
Aug 3–7th: Youth Convocation, Jaffrey, NH.
Sept 28 – 27th PNCC Synod, Manchester, NH