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Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop

On the second Sunday in the month of October, the Polish National Catholic Church pauses during the cycle of the Ordinary Time Sunday readings to celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family. This Solemnity began with the Third General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church in 1914 when Bishop Hodur and the Synod delegates sought to honor in a special way the virtues and values of the Holy Family and extend them to our own families in the life of the Church.

Although this Solemnity might seem to be a break within the structure of the Ordinary Time weeks, within this year, the Solemnity of the Christian Family serves to complement in a wonderful way what the Church has been presenting to us over the past number of Sundays. During these past many weeks we have been dealing with the issues of what exactly does it mean to have faith and also how exactly are we to live that life of faith.

If we think back to a few weeks ago we heard from St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus confronts the disciples about their argument while they were traveling. After hearing the prediction of the Passion and Death of our Lord, they totally ignored this and then went on to begin arguing about which one of them was the most important. Our Lord confronts them with the teaching, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35b) Jesus shows the apostles, and also us, that first and foremost the way of faith and life of faith is one of service and sacrifice for others.

In the next Sunday's Gospel Jesus confronts the disciples with a teaching regarding the radical confrontation of sinful ways. He tells the disciples, "If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, it is bet-

ter for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out, it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell." (Mark 9:43-47) While we know that Jesus is not advocating here the maiming of our bodies, He certainly speaks to the extreme seriousness of sin and that we must go to great lengths to remove it from our lives. He reminds us to be careful with our hands that might do works of evil, our feet which carry us to places of temptation and our eyes which may lead us to view paths of evil. This passage reminds us that the way of faith and the life of faith is one of striving to keep ourselves pure by following our Lord and being united with Him.

The Gospel passage of the 27th Sunday speaks to the teaching of the law on divorce and whether or not it is allowed. While we certainly know that God intends marriage to be a life-long union of a man and a woman, the issue raised here is one that can show itself within our life of faith quite often. The Pharisees are asking Jesus concerning their "rights" as followers of God. In Jesus' reply we see that He says to them that they are really not focused in the right direction. In our way of faith and life of faith we must seek to adhere to God's intentions for us rather than to insist on our own rights and wants.

And now looking at the celebration of the Solemnity of the Christian Family, we can ask ourselves where do these aspects of living the Christian faith most

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commonly occur? Where are they first learned? Where are they nurtured by daily living the virtues of the Christian faith? Where do they find a daily actualization? It is most certainly within the Christian Family.

As we approach an understanding of the Christian Family, we must not get lost in any aspect of trying to define what is the perfect, or most expected type of family. We know that there are a variety of families. Some are raised with a mother and father together with a number of brothers and sisters, or possibly just an only child; some families have only one parent or guardian with children. There are also groups of individuals who might not be related in such a close way, but still live a life of love and faith which passes on the traditional Catholic teachings, Catholic life, faith and virtues. Each of these then are a manifestation of the Christian family.

And of course, we must not forget that the Christian family is also the family of faith that we each belong to as a part of our larger parish family. This is why it is vital that we each join together with the local parish where we will worship God together, receive Him together in His Word and the Holy Eucharist and also serve as living examples of faith for each other within the Body of Christ that is the local parish church. This too is a Christian Family where each of us is loved, supported and taught the ways of faith and love within our world.

In fact, it is within the parish that we accomplish an important part of what we pray for in the Opening Prayer of the Solemnity of the Christian Family. During that Mass we pray, "Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship." As we pray this, we see that first, the bonds of kinship are already a part of who we are as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, and then it is through our parish life of faith and love that we can begin to recognize them and, more importantly, to act upon them in helping and loving each other.

As we have now celebrated the Solemnity of the Christian Family, I encourage each and every one of

you, as members of our Holy Church, to now strive to hear and internalize the words of the prayer of that day and to pray them often seeking to put the words of that prayer into action.

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

If we truly seek to live a life of faith and loyalty to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; if we desire to live our own lives within the family of faith, recognizing that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus, then let us not only recognize but cherish and extend those bonds of kinship among each other as we invite others to join us in the worship and work of God in our midst.

St. Paul, in speaking to the Church in Galatia about their responsibilities to each other and their work of the Christian faith, told them, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

So my dear brothers and sisters, let us not grow weary in doing good things for the family of faith, our own families and the parish family. Let us continue to do right and good that we may be examples one for another. Let us, with every opportunity, be servants of one another and of Jesus, so that we may one day hear those words which proclaim us as Jesus' family. "Jesus replied, 'Who is My mother, and who are My brothers?'" And pointing to His disciples, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:48b-50)



National Commission on Liturgy Holds Fall Meeting September 14 - 16

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Seated: Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Rev. Jason Soltysiak (via Zoom), Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich; Standing: Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Rev. Antulio Alvarado, Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko, Very Rev. John Kowalczyk, Rev. Carmen Bolock



God's Field Appeal for Christmas Greetings

It is not too early to start thinking about publishing your Christmas greetings in the December issue of *God's Field*. In past years your responses to our appeals have been very enthusiastic and we sincerely hope your generosity and support will continue this year.

The cost for publishing Christmas greetings for individuals, parishes and organizations is \$20.00. Due to space constraints in the page setup of the *God's Field*, greetings are limited to up to three (3) lines of text.

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Newly Consecrated Bishop for the Nordic Catholic Church



On Monday, October 11, 2021, Very Rev. Ottar Myrseth (pictured left, above) was consecrated a bishop for the Nordic Catholic Church by Bishop Roald Flemestad (pictured right, above) at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Oslo, Norway.

Very Rev. Ottar was elected as a Candidate for Bishop at the Nordic Catholic Church Synod held in Gran, Norway in October of 2019. This Synod was held the same day as the Special Synod in the Polish National Catholic Church which elected Bishop Jarosław Rafalko. The date of consecration for both was to be in April 2020. With the worldwide pandemic that followed, this consecration was postponed several times. Bishop Rafalko was finally consecrated for the Polish National Catholic Church on September 14, 2020 at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA, but due to international travel restrictions Very Rev. Ottar Myrseth could not travel to the US. It was finally decided by the Bishops of the Union of Scranton that the consecration would take place in Norway with Bishop Roald Flemestad as consecrator. During the consecration ceremony, letters from all the member bishops of the Union of Scranton were read communicating prayer, best wishes and approbation for this consecration to take place during this continued pandemic.

Before his consecration, Bishop Ottar Myrseth served as the Administrator of the Nordic Catholic Church Scandinavian Diocese being vested as a mitered archpriest from May 2020. Before this time, he served as the Vicar General of the Nordic Catholic Church since 2011. He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood by Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski on September 29, 2001 and was parish pastor at St. Olaf's Parish in Hatlane, Norway. He is also a professor at Alesund Folkehogskole.

Following his consecration as bishop, in his address to the Church, Bishop Myrseth presented a three-part vision for the Nordic Catholic Church: "To awaken people to the Christian faith, to help believers to survive as a Christian minority, and to show the way to the faith of the undivided church." At the Consecration Mass the new bishop was celebrated with greetings and gifts from representatives of the Christian Council of Norway, the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Norway as well as from many family, friends and congregations of the Nordic Catholic Church.

The Bishops, Clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church extend to Bishop Ottar Myrseth our prayers and best wishes for a fruitful and joyous ministry as Bishop for the Nordic Catholic Church and within the Union of Scranton.

Military Chaplain's Corner

POW/MIA Vigil at All Veterans Memorial

Rev. Dr. Stan Jasiurkowski

The Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day is commemorated on the third Friday of September every year. It is observed to ensure that Americans remember to stand behind our service members as well as to ensure that we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned home. [The All Veterans Memorial](#) was hosting its fifth annual POW/MIA 24 Hour Vigil starting on 17 September and ending on 18 September 2021.

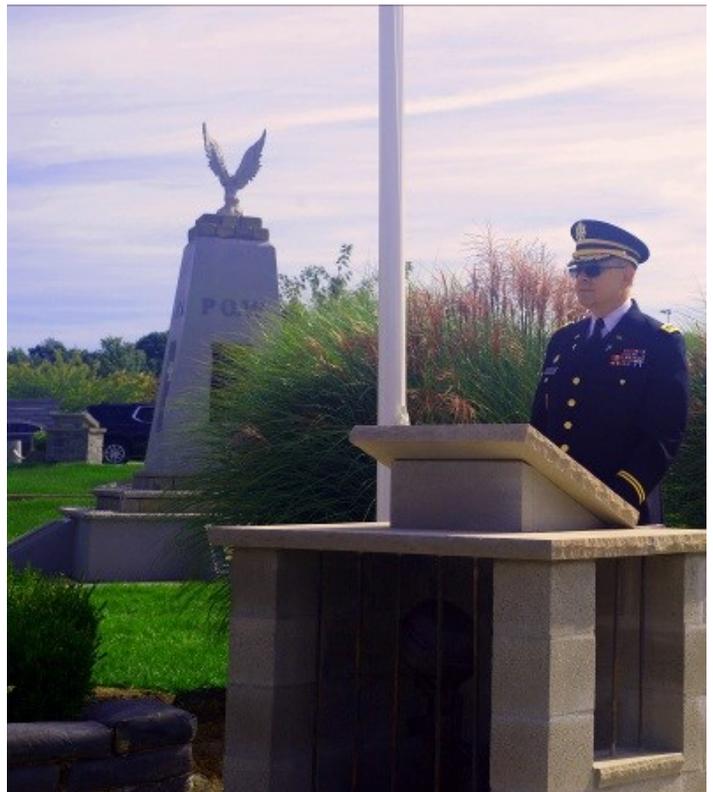
The Vigil organizers invited the community, veteran organizations, the Mount Olive High School JROTC cadets, and active-duty service members.

The Opening Ceremony, this year, began with a bagpipe music selection provided by a veteran, Mark Noyes. The Mount Olive High School Air Force JROTC cadets posted the colors, and after playing the national anthem, the Picatinny Arsenal Garrison Chaplain, CH (LTC) Stan Jasiurkowski delivered the invocation praying for all those who sacrificed their lives defending our country as well as those who did not return home, for their still grieving families, and for the Department Of Defense the military's mission's success of bringing all those MIA back home. Chaplain Jasiurkowski transitioned to the next sequence of events dedicated to honor the sacrifice of our 13 service members killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on 26 August 2021. He read the name of each service member killed in the suicide attacks, and after each name has been read, the Union City High School Marine Corps JROTC cadet presented the Memorial Flag and rendered a salute for each warrior.

This ceremony was followed by a remembrance table know as "A Table Set For One" which acknowledged those missing from among us urging us to remember them. The Joint Program Executive Office Armaments and Ammunition, Project Manager Maneuver Ammunition Systems, Picatinny Arsenal, COL Paul Alessio gave a speech emphasizing the patriotism and sacrifices of our service members in the task of defending our constitution and our freedoms. He also stressed that New Jersey has the highest number of

service members killed in action or MIA. COL Alessio also lit the Vigil Flame, which was burned for 24 hours as the names of New Jersey's POW/MIA were read, and the JROTC cadets joined by veterans and citizens conducted the "Bataan Death March" for 22 hours carrying proudly the American flag.

The Memorial is located at Turkey Brook Park in Mount Olive, New Jersey and is famous for its unique designs and calming landscape; therefore, it is a perfect place for hosting patriotic and military ceremonies and vigils honoring our brave service members who gave their lives so we can live free. What is special about this place is that the shape of the memorial was inspired by the Congressional Medal of Honor which is the highest military honor to be earned from the United States of America and is awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The All Veterans Memorial Park was developed by volunteers under the leadership of Ms. Charline Uhrmann using only private donations.



Fr. Jasiurkowski delivers the Invocation and reads the names of Warriors killed in Kabul on August 26, 2021.



Union City High School Marine Corps JROTC cadets present Memorial Flags.



The Vigil Flame burning for 24 hours in front of the ID tags representing all New Jersey service members who gave their lives defending our country .

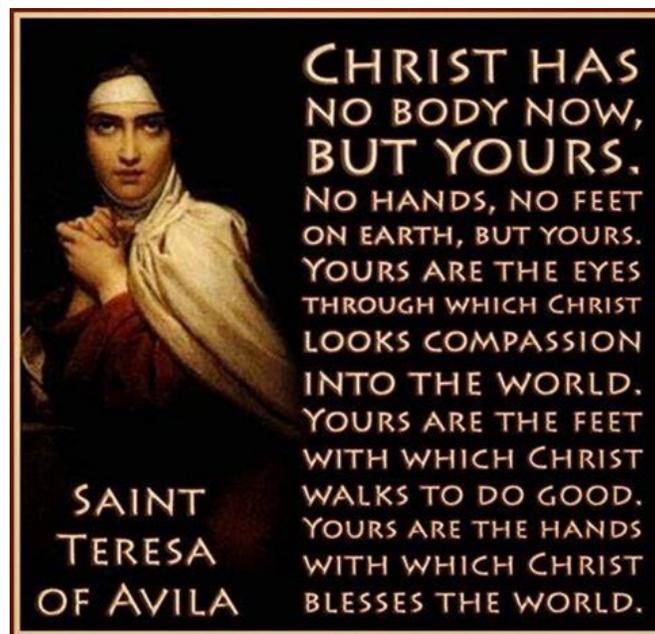
Future Direction October Message

During October of this year of Discipleship we focus on St. Teresa of Avila and also celebrate the special P.N.C.C. Solemnity of the Christian Family.

Reflection and Action Item:

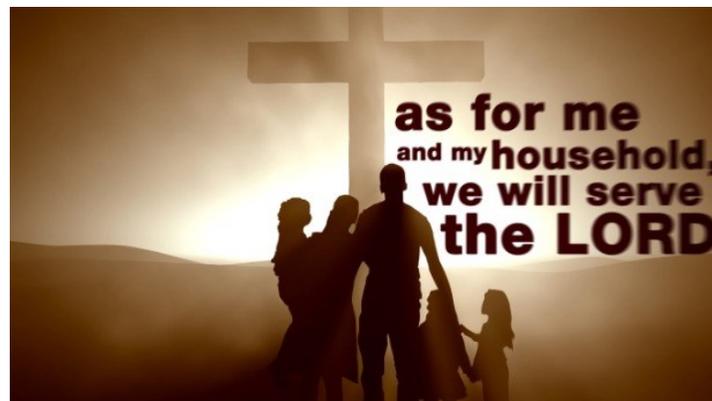
St. Teresa of Avila is a master of the Christian spiritual life and a true role model for all who aspire to follow the Lord, regardless of their station in life. Her story is one of remaining steadfast in doing what Jesus asked of her for the sake of the Kingdom, diligently overcoming both inner doubts and external obstacles, while always trying to grow closer to Christ through her daily prayer life.

This beautiful prayer she composed speaks to her unshakable trust in Jesus, even amidst the trials of this life: *“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”*



Prayer from the Solemnity of the Christian Family

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



75TH Y.M.S. of R. Convention Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Lilly, PA

On a nice sunny, cool autumn morning of Saturday, September 25th., in a suburb of Altoona PA, the United Young Men's Society of Resurrection (Y.M.S. of R.) held their 75th Convention at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Lilly, PA. The Convention was opened by a prayer and words of welcome from Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Pastor Father Scott Lill, local Branch President, Rick Link, and Convention Planner and Organizer, Raymond Lasinski. We had 17 delegates, 2 guests, and 6 clergy in attendance as Y.M.S. of R. Branch 91 served as host. We discussed many topics and had interaction from many on the floor expressing their thoughts and views on multiple subjects. The following is what business was conducted and resolved for our local branches to continue in our efforts and in our growth.

We Resolve: to continue to have the 75th Y.M.S. of R. Bowling Tournament to be held in Buffalo, NY, on the 3rd weekend of May 2022. To continue our Annual Golf Tournament to be held in Parma, Ohio, on the 3rd weekend of August 2022. To continue to update and make improvements to the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart PA with monies donated to the 90 for 90 Campaign.

We Resolve to continue the Bishop Stanley Bilinski Retreat, to come together as men of our Parishes in Fellowship, Reflection, and Prayer with continued Guidance from the Holy Spirit. To continue to grow by organizing or to re-organize Y.M.S. of R. branches within our Church, and to have men more involved both in their parishes and in their Y.M.S. of R.

We Resolve to continue our Winter Clothing Drive starting October 10th to be concluded on November 28th, to give aid and warmth to needy people in our local areas.

To Educate and Bring Light to the History, Life and Legacy of Bishop Padewski at the Kurs encampment in July of 2022 in front of the Bell Tower that is named in his honor.

We Resolve to revise, update and print the Preamble of our Constitution and Prayers for Deceased.

After the Convention, we gathered in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish's outdoor pavilion where we had a delicious dinner. After dinner, Father Scott Lill had a game of Trivia questions for our guests and delegates. We had to have our thinking caps on to come up with correct answers in order to win prizes. There were many good answers and a few incorrect ones, too. There were many good laughs and a fun time was had by all!

On Sunday we attended Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. Father Scott Lill of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, United Y.M.S. of R. Chaplain Father Carmen Bolock, and Deacon Jim Ploskonka assisted during Mass. A light breakfast was provided to all who attended.

We appreciate the hospitality of Father Lill, Y.M.S. of R. Branch 91, and their entire parish for being wonderful hosts. May God continue to send His blessings to this parish. We are hopeful to have our next Convention in 2023 in the Eastern Diocese.



Submitted by David Pecynski, Director



United Y.M.S. of R. Winter Clothing Drive Commences in October

Greetings to all on behalf of the entire United Y.M.S. of R. Board.

And the crowds asked Him, “What then should we do?” In reply, He said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

The United Y.M.S. of R. once again heard the call of the above scripture and is asking parishes on National Clergy Day to begin collecting clothing for those in need in your communities. We ask that on Thanksgiving weekend you end your feast and stop collecting clothes, and as we approach Christmas be a gift giver and distribute to your community.

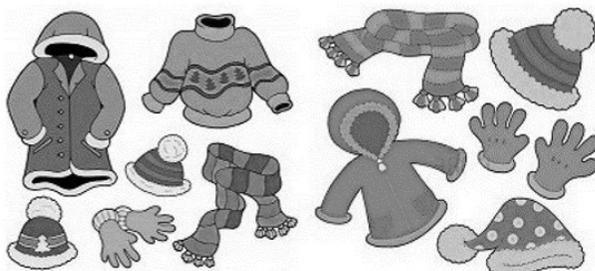
The majority of the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church belong to areas that are about to be met with their most difficult weather. The Board thought a NATIONAL-church-wide drive could accomplish something that not only helps each local community, but also reflects the mission of Jesus Christ in our world today.

The winning parish will receive a monetary gift sponsored by the United Y.M.S. of R. Board, in hopes of being used to promote a fellowship activity in your parish. 1st place will receive \$200.00, 2nd place \$100.00, and 3rd place \$50.00.

The drive begins October 10, 2021, which is National Clergy Day, and will conclude November 28, 2021, Thanksgiving weekend. Please post the flyers that were sent to your parishes in areas of your church for collection. You will need to appoint a chairperson and gather volunteers to organize the drive. As you receive clothing items please donate them to local charitable agencies, be sure to tally what you collect and confirm your final tally with President Nick Kazinetz on or near December 11, 2021. We would love to have pictures to post on our UNITED Y.M.S. of R. Facebook page and in Rola Boża. For any further information, please contact the Y.M.S. of R. diocesan representatives or president Kazinetz at Nkaz20@aol.com. May the items you collect reflect the love of Jesus and the call of His gospel to continue His holy mission.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Lord,

The United Y.M.S. of R. Board






United Y.M.S. of R. Winter Clothing Drive

The United Y.M.S. of R. Board is calling on all Y.M.S. of R. Branches and Polish National Catholic Churches to be Christ to your community!

Needed: Articles of clothing to help dull the winter chill.

Your Reward: A good deed that reflects the love of Jesus.

Church Reward: Monetary Check to host a social gathering at your parish to spread fellowship.

1st Place \$200.00, 2nd place \$100.00, 3rd place \$50.00

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Be Christ in your Local Community!

Winter Clothing Drive
In need of: Coats, hats, gloves, pants, sweatshirts, socks, t-shirts, underwear, & undershirts.

The Scorecard

Coats:	25 points
Sweatshirts:	15 points
Pants:	10 points
T-shirts:	5 points
Winter hat:	5 points
Gloves:	5 points
Underwear:	1 point
Undershirt:	1 point
Socks:	1 point per pair

Monetary donation:
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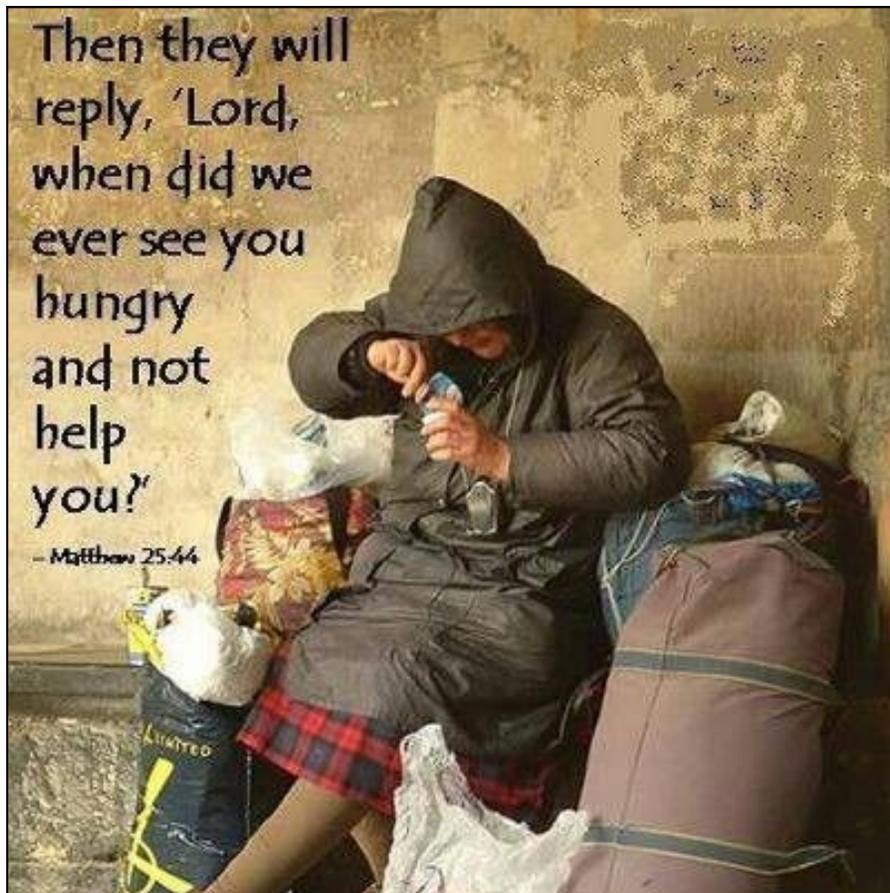
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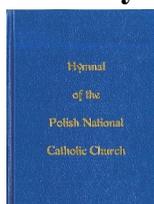
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4	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$3.90	\$19.90	\$21.25	\$27.25
5	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$3.90	\$23.90	\$21.25	\$41.25
6	\$4.00	\$24.00	\$3.90	\$27.90	\$21.25	\$44.25
7	\$4.00	\$28.00	\$4.50	\$32.50	\$33.00	\$61.00
8	\$4.00	\$32.00	\$4.50	\$36.50	\$33.00	\$65.00
9	\$4.00	\$36.00	\$4.50	\$40.50	\$33.00	\$69.00
10	\$3.95	\$39.50	\$5.20	\$44.70	\$44.75	\$84.25
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*An invoice for shipping costs will be included in your shipment.

PLEASE NOTE that an additional \$30.00 is required for ad setup for a sponsor (quite often a funeral director) and specific parish information regarding Sunday services, telephone numbers, name of pastor, etc.

Please place your order and send in your payment as soon as possible so that we can ship your calendars to you before the New Year. Hurry and get your order and payment in because this year's stock is limited, and once we have run out of stock, no more will be printed! You must pay for your calendars in full prior to us shipping them to you.

Thank you for your continued support of this Church-wide endeavor. If you pick up your order at the National Church Center, there will be no shipping charge.

(Detach here, complete and send in order slip with your payment.)

Only paid calendar orders will be shipped.

**If you have a sponsor paying for your calendars, please inform them that they must pay for the cost of the calendars prior to them being shipped out.
We will send invoices only for extra cost of shipping)**

(You will be invoiced for shipping costs if they must be calculated at the time of packing.)

2022 P.N.C.C. Calendar Order Form

<u>Shipping Information</u>	<u># of Calendars</u>	<u>Cost of Calendars</u>	<u>Ad Fee</u> (if applicable)	<u>Shipping Cost</u> (if calculable)*	<u>Total Enclosed</u>
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City, State Zip Code					

*PLEASE NOTE: We cannot predetermine the cost of shipping on orders of 11 or more calendars because this cost is calculated by weight and geographic location of recipient. You will be invoiced for this cost in your shipment.



The Polish-American Credo

I am a Polish-American

In my veins flows the blood of patriots, kings, scholars, scientists, and courageous peasants. I am the descendant of Nicholas Copernicus reaching for the stars, Madame Marie Skłodowska Curie unraveling the mysteries of nature and Ignacy Jan Paderewski uplifting the soul of man.

Yes, I am a Polish-American.

My heart beats with a love for my ancestral homeland and for my country, this young United States of America. When tyranny of depotism has threatened, I have always been the first to resist.

I was with Jan III Sobieski lifting the siege of Vienna, Austria, Kazimierz Pułaski in Savannah, Tadeusz

Kościuszko at West Point and the RAF over Channel skies in Britain. I am a poet like Adam Mickiewicz and a musician like Fryderyk Chopin.

In the Polish tradition of friendship, freedom and fidelity, I stand in solidarity with all who pursue the paths to peace, justice and human dignity.

October 17, 2021, is Heritage Sunday in the Polish National Catholic Church. On this day there is a collection for the Outreach to Poland.

Congress first deemed August as Polish American Heritage Month in 1981. Later, it moved to October to commemorate the first Polish settlers — as well as the deaths of General Kazimierz Pułaski and Tadeusz Kościuszko.



Copernicus



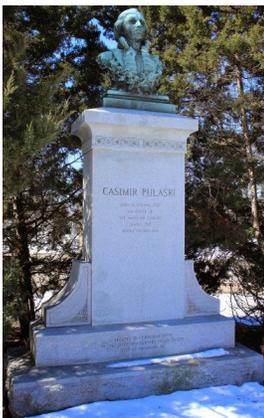
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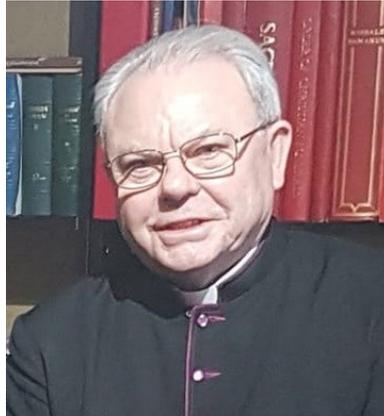
Mickiewicz



Chopin

Canadian Diocese

† śp. Very Rev. Jerzy Urbański



Rev. Jerzy (Jerry) Urbanski passed away September 19, 2021 during his visit to Poland.

Holy Mass for Fr. Sr. Urbanski, celebrated by Rev. Zbigniew Kozar, was held at St. John the Baptist P.N.C.C. Cathedral in Toronto, Ontario on October 3, 2021.

We implore your kindness, O God, for Fr. Sen. Jerzy, your servant and Priest, that, as you made him a steward of your mysteries on earth, so you may bring him to be nourished by their truth and reality as unveiled in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Central Diocese

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Hosts Scranton Seniorate Council Meeting Dupont, PA

The Annual Scranton Seniorate Council Meeting of the P.N.C.C. was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA.

Delegates from the following parishes participated: Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA: Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, Pastor and Administrative Senior for the Scranton Seniorate; Lois McHugh; Albert Micka; Paul Kazinetz. St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish, Scranton, PA: Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Di-

ocesan Bishop and Pastor; Rev. Janusz Lucarz, Assistant Pastor; Mari Jane Stankowski; Linda Seliga; Carol Nasser. St. Mary's Parish, Duryea, PA: Rev. Carmen Bolock, Pastor; Patricia Bolock; Michael Marks. St. Adalbert's Parish, Dickson City, PA: Very Rev. William Chromey, Pastor; Kathy Cortazar. Providence of God Parish, Scranton, PA: Rev. Dr. Walter Placek, Pastor; Janet Kelly.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid



Lois McHugh, Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki



Front tables: Janet Kelly, Kathy Cortazar, Rev. Carmen Bolock, Patricia Bolock, Michael Marks. Rear tables: Very Rev. William Chromey, Rev. Janusz Lucarz, Paul Kazinetz, Rev. Dr. Walter Placek, Albert Micka, (blocked from view is Carol Nasser), Linda Seliga, Mari Jane Stankowski.

Central Diocesan Music Commission Meets

St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA

The newly established Central Diocesan Music Commission recently met for the first time in St. Stanislaus Cathedral's Parish Hall in Scranton, PA. All members and Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Ordinary of the Central Diocese, were in attendance. The Commission is established to respond to the needs of Church musicians. One of the goals of the Commission is to increase communications between Church musicians in the Central Diocese. Other goals include serving as a resource and guide for parish music programs, maintaining music traditions of the Church, increasing communication between clergy and Church musicians, encouraging a heightened awareness of musical standards and their connection to liturgical practices, and to encourage participation in the activities of the National United Choirs.



The members pictured from left to right are: Jan Cwikla, Holy Mother of Sorrows, Dupont, PA; Barbara Nowicki, Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, PA; Regina Pollack, Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa, Albany, NY (via Zoom), Rebecca Elfman, Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, PA; Jonathan Johnson, Saints Peter and Paul, McAdoo, PA and Saint John the Baptist, Hazelton, PA.

To that end the first Central Diocesan Musicians Roundtable is planned for Sunday, November 7th, at 6:00 pm. In-person attendees are invited to come to St. Stanislaus Cathedral's Parish Hall, 529 E Locust Street, Scranton, PA at 5:45 pm. A Zoom link will be sent to those who wish to attend virtually. If you prefer, you may also join the discussion by telephone. You may request the link by contacting blnowicki@aol.com.

Please join us! We hope this will be the start of a positive effort to provide learning opportunities and resources to all concerned that will be helpful to elevating the liturgical experience for all congregants in the Diocese. We hope it will be a time of sharing good ideas and creative efforts to enhance our ministries, and a place to share our needs and air our concerns. Mostly, we hope it will help all those who are involved in the music ministries of our parishes.

Every attempt has been made to contact all organists in the Diocese via email and phone calls. Anyone who has not been contacted, or anyone who is involved in the music program of his or her parishes, including clergy, choral directors, etc. are very much encouraged to attend. Contact Barbara Nowicki at 570-343-6017, or at the email address given above.

Submitted by Barbara Nowicki



Annual Dożynki Festival at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Dupont, PA

Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA, held its 45th Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 12, 2021 on the Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish grounds.

The Dożynki Festival, which is all about embracing Polish heritage, traditions, culture, and food, featured: homemade Polish and American foods such as potato pancakes, pierogi, haluski, gołąbki (stuffed cabbage), clam chowder, kielbasa, sauerkraut, funnel cakes, baked goods, pastries, pączki, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and sausage patties with onion and peppers.

Also featured during the festival were live Polka music, Instant Bingo, a basket raffle, a Big Raffle and games for children. All who came to Dożynki were greeted as they passed the wreath, and everyone received a special treat of bread, cheese and wine as a token of good luck. Wheat boutonnières, tied with red and white ribbon and representing the harvest bounty were distributed to attendees.

We would like to thank all our hard-working volunteers and all patrons for a very successful Harvest Festival.

Submitted by Very Rev. Zbigniew Dawid



Eastern Diocese

Blessed Trinity Parish September Events Fall River, MA

After Holy Mass on Sunday, September 12th, the special Feast of Brotherly Love, Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich, pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, blessed the School of Christian Living Students and Teachers. Everyone present prayed for both students and teachers to have a blessed and productive school year.



Fr. Sr. Rob blesses the SOCL students and teachers.

The parish was extended Thank Yous from our Fall River Police Department (FRPD) family because, over the weekend of September 10-11, we welcomed them into our Parish Hall kitchen where they baked 80 racks of ribs and prepared side dishes that were sold to benefit the FRPD annual Christmas Children's Toy Drive.



Members of FRPD worked in two shifts to prepare food in the Parish Hall kitchen.

On the 20th Anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on our country the day began with Holy Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish to remember the lives lost on that day.

Following Mass Fr. Sr. Nemkovich and his wife, Kathryn, participated in Fall River's 20th Anniversary Ceremony at Battleship Cove in Fall River.

May we never forget those lives lost that day and let us come together as One Nation Under God! May God continue to bless our First Responders and Service Men and Women who protect and serve us all.



Gathering at Battleship Cove

On Monday, September 20, 2021, Fall River, MA, Mayor Paul Coogan and the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative conducted a ceremony outside of Fall River's Government Center. The ceremony honored the 2020/2021 Heroes of Peace award winners and acknowledged International Day of Peace, celebrated globally on Tuesday, September 21st. Blessed Trinity Parish was one of the thirteen award recipients.

The "Heroes of Peace" award was created in 2010 by the Peace by Piece Steering Committee to recognize the many individuals and groups who provide a positive message of hope and compassion in Fall River. As part of the effort to acknowledge that no one person, group, or approach can solve the program of violence, the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention Initiative Steering Committee recognizes those in the community who are instrumental in overcoming violence, refusing to be a bystander to aggressive acts,

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Western Diocese

Holy Cross Parish PTO 2021 School Supply Drive Hamtramck, MI

On Thursday, August 26th, Holy Cross Parish volunteers delivered all of the school supply items collected over the summer to Dickinson East Elementary at 3385 Norwalk Street for their 710 students. We were met by Principal Sarah Filipiak and several members of her staff who were very pleased and surprised at the number of items we delivered. This was our P.T.O.'s 15th year of sponsoring the drive, and once again we surpassed even our own expectations. During this time of COVID-19, the school will be starting with in-person learning and many items will be needed to supply the children.

Items collected: 88 backpacks, 62 reams copy paper, 600 composition books, 1289 notebooks, 693 boxes crayons, 1790 dry erase markers, 1758 gal. Ziploc bags, 1942 glue sticks, 1105 pink erasers, 1274 pencils, 200 boxes tissue, 44 hats, 61 scarves, 53 coats.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who either donated funds, purchased items, packed boxes or helped to deliver all of the supplies. Hugs to Christine Bilinski and Marcia Sisman for the handmade hats and scarves. This year we had the help of the Northern Guard Supporters (who support the Detroit City Football Club). They collected supplies at one of their events. We especially give thanks to those who allowed us to use their vehicles for the trip. We filled a truck and two SUVs. Our delivery team: Father Senior Nowak, Jolanta Nowak, JoHanna Banicki, Charles Bilinski, the Chockley family, Brianna Davis, Pat Frick, and myself. It was extremely hot and humid, but everyone pitched in without complaint. The loading and unloading of boxes was quite the workout!

God Bless each and every one of you!

Submitted by Nancy Wisbiski on behalf of the Holy Cross P.T.O.



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and understanding that the world will become a better place because of kindness.



2020/2021 "Heroes of Peace" Award Winners

On Sunday, September 26th, Blessed Trinity Parish successfully concluded the September Food Drive. Three SUVs full of food were delivered to Citizens for Citizens Food Pantry. Thanks to all who supported this quarterly effort. Discipleship 2021 continues.



Another Successful Food Drive

