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## A Deadline Reminder for Our 2021 Awards



Youth  
Achievement  
Award  
**JUNE 1**



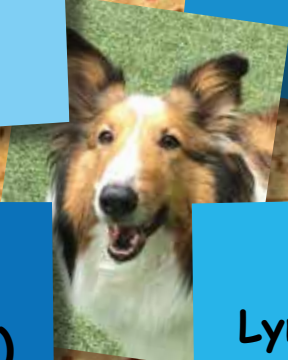
Bishop Andrew  
G. Grutka  
Memorial  
Scholarship  
Award  
**JUNE 30**




Catholic  
Grade School  
Award  
**JUNE 30**



Catholic  
High School  
Award  
**JUNE 30**



Anne (Shinal)  
Cichy Memorial  
Award  
**JULY 1**



Lynda (Posivak)  
Mohlenhoff  
Memorial Award  
**AUGUST 15**



Margaret Sabol  
Scholarship  
Award  
**AUGUST 15**



Religious Life  
Awards  
**AUGUST 31**



Post Graduate  
Award  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

Information about the various awards can be found in this issue.

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## Calendar of Events

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, many events have been postponed, cancelled, or rescheduled. At the time Morning Star went to press, the events listed on this calendar and in this issue were correct to the best of our knowledge. We recommend that members check the LPSCU's website ([www.LPSCU.org](http://www.LPSCU.org)) or Facebook page (LPSCU Life) or contact their Branch representative closer to each event in case any changes or cancellations had to be made.

### MAY

- 15** – Deadline to submit requests to be considered by the LPSCU Board at its Mid-Year Meeting.
- 15** – LPSCU Branch 213 will participate in an MS Walk in the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania area. *See page 9 for more details.*
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for July/August 2021 Morning Star.**
- 30** – Deadline to register for a Slovak Study Abroad scholarship. *See page 12 for details.*

### JUNE

- 1** – Deadline to nominate a young member for our 2021 Youth Achievement Award. *See page 16 for details.*
- 14** – Flag Day ~ Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- 18** – LPSCU Branch 213 is hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders 7:05 p.m. game. *See page 9 for full details.*
- 18** – The Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania is hosting Flag Day at the Ballpark for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders 7:05 p.m. game. *See page 3 for full details.*
- 19** – LPSCU Mid-Year Meeting (Zoom conference call meeting). *See page 3 for more details.*
- 30** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award. *See page 15 for details.*
- 30** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 LPSCU Catholic Grade School Award. *See page 5 for details.*
- 30** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 LPSCU Catholic High School Award. *See page 24 for details.*

### JULY

- 1** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award. *See page 11 for details.*
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October 2021 Morning Star.**

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## A Message from Our National Spiritual Advisor

### A YEAR DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph, which began on December 8, 2020, and will end on December 8, 2021, to mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870.

Personally speaking, I am grateful for this opportunity to reflect on the life on this humble servant of God. St. Joseph was a gentle soul who embraced God's will fully in his life – who protected and cared for Jesus and Mary. Pope Francis said, "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble." St. Joseph was a man of great courage and humility.

In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis wrote, "The carpenter of Nazareth was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting divine providence. He had to deal with the concrete problems his family faced. In this way, he can be an inspiration to us all."

The Holy Father has gifted us with a beautiful prayer to St. Joseph and he has asked that we make it a part of our daily prayers.



Rev. Robert L. Seeman



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us, too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Blessings,  
Father Bob

## LPSCU Board Schedules Mid-Year Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Mid-Year Zoom Conference Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and continue until all business has been completed.

Members wishing to submit matters for the Board of Directors to consider at this meeting are directed to send them to the attention of Theresa Kluchinski at the LPSCU National Headquarters, 71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or P.O. Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. **All correspondence relative to this meeting should be received no later than May 15, 2021.**

Fraternal Societies of Northeastern Pennsylvania  
*is hosting*

## FLAG DAY AT THE BALLPARK

**Friday, June 18, 2021**

*Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders  
Game Time ~ 7:05 p.m.*



### PRICE

**LPSCU Members - \$20.00 per person**

**Non-members - \$35.00 per person**

*Includes:*

- Entry through the Mohegan Sun Club entrance.
- Dinner on covered deck/suite in right field.
  - Food served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Watch as one member throws out the first pitch.
  - All the camaraderie you can get!

*Please make reservations by Thursday, May 20, 2021*

*Ask for Theresa or Mary Jo:*

*570-823-3513 or 888-834-6614*

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY MAY 20, 2021**

**Make checks payable to LPSCU**

**Seating is limited! Sign up now!**

**MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT**

Members of the Msgr. Beeda District held their first meeting of the year and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was also their first ever virtual meeting. The meeting was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

District President Anita Gregory called the meeting to order and said a short prayer for all those affected by COVID-19. Ideas and plans were discussed for fundraisers and activities for the coming year. Details and dates for the District's Christmas party were also talked about and President Gregory will contact the restaurant to see if the date is available. She will also look into moving forward with the possible fundraisers and Matching Fund projects that were discussed. Upcoming fundraisers and events will be dependent upon mandated restrictions in place at the time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next District meeting will be held September 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**Branch 213 Contributes to Children's Easter Party**

The Laurel Run Recreation Association held a Children's Easter Party on Saturday, March 27, for children and grandchildren of Laurel Run Borough. LPSCU Branch 213 donated items to help fill the Easter baskets of the children attending. Following CDC guidelines, the children were given a time slot to pick up their Easter basket and visit with the Easter Bunny. Pictured below are some of the baskets presented to the children. Thirty-one children attended the affair.



*New Insurance Issued*

Branch	Branch Representative	Jan./Feb. 2021	Year-to-Date Total
64	Susan Ondrejco	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
198	Ann Dobias	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
124	Dolores Evanko	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
		\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00

**The 2021 Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award**



**\$1,000 ANNUAL AWARD**

The LPSCU is proud to offer this scholarship for students pursuing a degree in Science, including Medical Science. This award is given in memory of Margaret Sabol, who was a member of LPSCU Branch 42 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is funded entirely through the generosity of Margaret's daughter, who is also a member of Branch 42.

Any LPSCU member may apply, regardless of the amount or type of life insurance they have, but applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this memorial award:

- ◆ Attend an accredited college/university in the fall of 2021 on a full-time basis pursuing a degree in Science (including Medical Science). Proof of acceptance/attendance is required.
- ◆ Provide a wallet-size color photo.
- ◆ Provide two letters of recommendation from a teacher, friend, or religious affiliation.
- ◆ Submit a one-page essay on "Why this degree is important to me."

The recipient of the Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award will receive \$1,000. No individual shall be eligible to receive the scholarship more than two times. The recipient will be selected by Margaret Sabol's daughter from among all the qualified applicants.

Applications must be postmarked by August 15, 2021. Request an application by contacting one of the choices listed below. Send completed applications to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
 ATTN: Margaret Sabol Award  
 P.O. Box 32  
 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ◆ Toll free: 888-834-6614  
 Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ◆ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)



# Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

## February 17, 2021 ❖ Videoconference Meeting

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees were: Theresa Kluchinski, president; Anita Gregory, vice president; Mary Jo Savidge, secretary-treasurer; and Mary Ann Ewasko, chairperson of trustees.

The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from November 18, 2020 Executive Finance Committee meeting.

### Correspondence/Requests

There was no correspondence. The committee approved the following:

- ❖ Jankola Library annual donation. *Approved \$250.*
- ❖ University of Ottawa requesting a donation. *Approved \$100.*
- ❖ Ad in the *Citizens Voice* for December 2020. *Approved two quarter page ads for \$400.*
- ❖ Ad in the *Citizens Voice* for January 2021. *Approved ads for \$475.*
- ❖ Slovak Catholic Federation requesting a donation for the Annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Appeal. *Approved \$500.*
- ❖ *Times Leader* ad for February. *Approved quarter page for \$199.*
- ❖ *Citizens Voice* ad for February. *Approved BOGO ad for \$475.*

### Financial Statement

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts: M&T Bank – General Operating Account for November and December 2020 and January 2021; the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account for November and December 2020 and January 2021; and the Home Office – Branch Deposit Account.

The committee reviewed the Profit and Loss/Balance Sheet for November 2020. We did not receive the annual statement, so December 2020 and January 2021 Profit and Loss/Balance were not available.

### Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio

The committee was provided and reviewed all activity from November and December 2020 and January 2021, including Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, and International Bonds. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

### Home Office

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported on the following: The Pennsylvania American Water Company requires that we have testing of the backflow assembly which is called the Double Check Valve Assembly. Penn Mechanical will perform the testing in March 2021.

### Budget

The budget was not provided at this meeting since we did not have the year end numbers.


### Other Business

Convention Minutes – The committee worked on the minutes from the 42nd National Convention. The minutes will be provided to the Board of Directors for approval at the March 26, 2021 Annual Meeting.

### Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 19, 2021. There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Jo Savidge**  
National Secretary-Treasurer



**2021 LPSCU  
CATHOLIC GRADE  
SCHOOL AWARD  
\$150 One-Time Award**

The LPSCU is proud to announce that it is offering a Catholic Grade School Award Benefit, which is a \$150 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic grade school during the 2021-2022 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

The following are the guidelines for applying for the Catholic Grade School Award:

- Must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Must be enrolled in a Catholic grade school in kindergarten, or in Grades 1 through 8 in the fall of 2021.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

**Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2021.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting materials to:

**Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union**  
ATTN: Catholic Grade School Award  
P.O. Box 32  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703  
Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ TF: 888-834-6614  
Fax: 570-823-4464  
E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

# Socially Distant...But Not Alone

When our pool was closed last fall, I needed to find other things to occupy my time. I eventually did what many people did – sort, toss, and organize various areas in our home. Mother Nature provided ample opportunities for exercise with all of the snow that fell this winter. I also did something that I had wanted to do for some time...get purple highlights in my hair! Anyone who knows me knows that purple, and various shades thereof, is my favorite color. A former student of mine has dyed her hair purple for some time and I always admired it. A “double dog dare” from a cousin may, or may not, have been involved as well. I have to say – I love it! I have gotten nothing but positive comments on it and even have random strangers coming up to me and telling me how good it looks. Bottom line: Don’t be afraid to try something new or do something out of your comfort zone.

**Deborah McKinley**  
LPSCU Public Relations Director



**Deb McKinley got purple highlights in her hair during the pandemic.**

Fortunately, the coronavirus hasn’t prevented people from working outside in their yards, so I kept busy this past year with several garden areas on our property. I put in a perennial garden about five years ago in a spot where a large evergreen had been removed. It took a lot of work – and a pickaxe to break up the clay soil! – but the end result was worth it. Lots of trial and error over the years has taught me that native and drought tolerant plants do best here. Every year I still have to replace half a dozen or so that don’t make it through the winter, but the rest are well established now. It’s especially rewarding to see lots of pollinators and the occasional hummingbird enjoying the fruits of my labor and in the fall the goldfinches love picking at the coneflower seed-heads. It gives me such pleasure to look out my front window and see it, and passersby often stop to admire the flowers. I noticed that many of the yards in my neighborhood looked particularly attractive this past spring and summer. Looks like lots of folks took up gardening to pass their “social distancing” time.

**Nancy Knoche**  
LPSCU Branch 83



## LPSCU Newborn Benefit

The Newborn Benefit offered by the LPSCU is available to infants from 10 days old through six months who have at least one parent as a member in good standing with the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union. In families where either the mother or the father is an LPSCU member, the infant will automatically receive this benefit of \$2,000 of life insurance coverage, at no cost, upon notification of the birth to the Home Office. The benefit begins from the time the Enrollment Form is received at the Home Office and expires when the infant reaches six months of age.



Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office to find out more about this free fraternal benefit.

## Have Any News?

We welcome any news concerning honors, awards, or outstanding achievements received by our members, life events of our members (confirmations, graduations, weddings, promotions, etc.), news on a Branch or District social, or any letters, articles, or information of interest to our members.

Contact Debby McKinley, Public Relations Director  
39 Lafayette Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
or email [zornicka@lpescu.org](mailto:zornicka@lpescu.org)



# LPSCU 2021 RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR MEMBERS ENTERING RELIGIOUS LIFE

- ❖ *St. John Vianney*
- ❖ *St. Theresa of the Little Flower*
- ❖ *St. André Bessette*

## \$300 ANNUALLY

The LPSCU is offering three separate Religious Awards for members entering religious life. They are:

### ❖ **The St. John Vianney Award**

This award is offered to any male member of the LPSCU aspiring to the priesthood. The member may apply for the \$300 award upon entrance into an approved program of priestly formation. The award may be renewed for each successive year until ordination, provided the member re-applies for said award each year.

### ❖ **The St. Theresa of the Little Flower Award**

This award is offered to any female member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life. The member may apply for the \$300 award upon completion of her first year of Novitiate. The award may be renewed annually until the member is professed as a religious nun, provided she re-applies for said award each year.

### ❖ **The St. André Bessette Award**

This award is offered to a male member of the LPSCU aspiring to religious life as a brother in a religious congregation. He may apply for the \$300 award upon entrance into an approved program for religious brother formation. The award may be renewed annually for each successive year until completion of the program, provided the member re-applies for said award each year.

**Following are the guidelines for applying for each of the Religious Awards. All applicants must:**

- ❖ Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with a minimum \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- ❖ Provide a wallet-size color photo with the application.
- ❖ Re-apply each year while attending/completing studies for Religious Life in order to receive the award each year of his/her religious training.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined and provide data indicated to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications for the 2021 awards must be postmarked by August 31, 2021.**

Submit applications to:  
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
ATTN: Religious Awards  
P.O. Box 32  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703  
Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ Toll free: 888-834-6614  
Fax: 570-823-4464  
E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

## Branch 213 Donates Time and Money to Local Cemetery

LPSCU Branch 213 members and their friends spent a recent Saturday helping with the clean-up of Albert Cemetery in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania. In addition, a donation of \$100 was presented to the Secretary of the Cemetery, Thelma Marshall, by LPSCU Branch 213 member Mary Jo Savidge. The cemetery will receive an additional \$50 through the LPSCU Matching Fund Program.



**Pictured L-R are Jack Frankenfield, Sarah Smigelski, Rolland Hildebrand, Thelma Marshall, Mary Jo Savidge, and Tony Smigelski. Mary Jo and Tony are both members of Branch 213.**

## Calendar of Events

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### AUGUST

- 15** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award. *See page 4 for details.*
- 15** – Deadline to apply for the 2021 Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award. *See page 8 for details.*
- 31** – Deadline to apply for one of three LPSCU Religious Life Awards. *See this page for details.*

### SEPTEMBER

- TBD** – American Fraternal Alliance Executive Summit
- 8** – Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Vesuvio's Restaurant, 366 W. Butler Drive, Drums, Pennsylvania. Reservations are required. Please contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by September 5th if you plan to attend.
- 17-18** – LPSCU Semi-Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for November/December 2021 Morning Star.**
- 26-28** – Slovak Catholic Federation Convention, Danville, Pennsylvania.
- 30** – Deadline to apply for a 2021 LPSCU Post Graduate Award. *See page 10 for details.*

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Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

## INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

If you would like information on any of our products or benefits, please complete the following information and mail the form to the address above:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Select how you would like to be contacted:

Phone       Email       Mail

### ~ REQUESTED INFORMATION ~

#### PRODUCT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Life                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Year Endowment |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Estate Term (Term to 25) |  |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible Annuity                  |  |                                      |

#### FORMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Value            | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate Loan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Surrender        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost Certificate |

#### FRATERNAL BENEFITS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternalist of the Year Award |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Achievement Award        | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Buy Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newborn Benefit                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding Cross    |

#### EDUCATION AWARDS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ann (Shinal) Cichy Memorial      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Grutka        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. John Vianney                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Sabol       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynda (Posivak)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Theresa of the Little Flower | <input type="checkbox"/> Mohlenhoff Memorial  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award

This LPSCU scholarship award is for students pursuing a degree in or relating to the fields of Math, Science, or Technology. It is given in memory of Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff through the generosity of her parents, Peggy and Frank Posivak. All were/are members of LPSCU Branch 83 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

One lucky qualified applicant will be chosen for the \$500 award each year. The winner will be selected by a random drawing from among all qualified applicants. (Note: No individual shall be eligible to receive the scholarship more than two times.)

Any LPSCU member may apply, regardless of the amount or type of life insurance they have, but they must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this memorial award:

- Applicants must be accepted to attend (or already be attending) an accredited college/university as a full-time student pursuing a degree in or relating to the fields of Math, Science, or Technology. Proof of acceptance/attendance is required.
- Applicants must provide a wallet-size color photo.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation from a teacher, friend, or religious affiliation.

To be eligible to receive this year's award, **applications must be postmarked by August 15, 2021**. For an application, please call the LPSCU Home Office at 888-834-6614 (toll free) or 570-823-3513; fax 570-823-4464; e-mail [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org); or visit our website at [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org).



## Branch 213 MS Walk Matching Fund Project

While large, in-person gatherings are still limited in 2021, LPSCU Branch 213 will get together on Saturday, May 15, to have a walk to raise funds to combat Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The time and location of the MS Walk have yet to be determined, but it will take place in the Wilkes-Barre area. Anyone interested in participating or donating to 'Walk MS' sponsored by LPSCU Branch 213 can contact Theresa Kluchinski at 570-817-4657 for more information.



## Flag Day at the Ballpark

Friday, June 18, 2021

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders  
Game Time ~ 7:05 p.m.

### PRICE:

No cost for members of LPSCU Branch 213!  
Other LPSCU members ~ \$20.00 per person  
Non-members of LPSCU ~ \$35.00 per person

### INCLUDES:

Entry through the Mohegan Sun Club entrance.  
Dinner on covered deck/suite in right field.  
Food served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Watch as one member throws out the 1st pitch.  
All the camaraderie you can get!

Please make reservations by May 20, 2021  
Ask for Theresa ~ 570-829-5410  
or 570-817-4657

Make checks payable to LPSCU Branch 213

Seating is limited! Sign up today!

## SS.C.M. Appeal Continues

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 43rd year raising money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day-to-day operations. The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in individual parishes of Slovak ancestry. A direct mailing asking for donations was sent in January to local District and Branch leaders from the four Slovak Catholic fraternal organizations, members of the Slovak Catholic Federation, clergy with Slovak ancestry, and previous donors.

**As of March 13, there are 131 donors who have given \$12,056.50 to the 2021 Appeal.** This includes donations received from the LPSCU's Branch 60 and the Monsignor Beeda District. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2021 Appeal but who did not receive a letter in January asking for a donation is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article. Mail it, along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation, to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. Gifts received after November 30, 2021, will be credited toward the 2022 Appeal.

Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

*The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak fraternal organizations for cultural, religious, and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, Ohio. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdivic, V.F., supreme chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and pastor of Epiphany Parish, Sayre, Pennsylvania. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pennsylvania, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.*

### 43rd Annual SS.C.M. Appeal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to*

**Slovak Catholic Federation and mail to:**

Rev. Thomas A. Nasta  
First Vice President, Slovak Catholic Federation  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
120 Jefferson Street, Swedesburg, PA 19405

## Branch 64 Member Receives Grand Honors

Cara Zemelman, a third-grade student at Cardinal Montessori School in Woodbridge, Virginia, has been honored as one of the brightest students in the world by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY). She was honored for her exceptional performance on the SCAT, an exam taken as part of the CTY Talent Search.

More than 15,000 students in grades two through eight tested through CTY's Talent Search between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, representing all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Armed Forces installations in Europe and the Pacific, as well as more than 70 countries. The students who scored in the top 9% on their test were 2020 Grand Honors awardees.

CTY is a non-profit affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. CTY began with a seventh-grade boy from Baltimore who had exhausted all the options for math courses he could take at school. Julian Stanley, a psychology professor at Johns Hopkins, worked with this boy to arrange access to challenging math courses so the boy could continue to develop his academic talents. In 1997, Dr. Stanley and Johns Hopkins founded CTY in response to the national need to recognize and develop the world's brightest young minds. Alumni of CTY include the co-founder of Google, the CEO of Facebook, and leaders in the sciences, arts, and government.

Normally, CTY holds a banquet in Baltimore, Maryland, for Grand Honors Awardees and their families, where medals are given to the students. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award banquet was canceled, and awardees received their medals in the mail.

Cara resides in Woodbridge and is a member of LPSCU Branch 64, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Branch 64 member Theresa and her husband Cal, and big sister to Branch 64 members Danny and Diana.

Cara's family, teachers, and friends are very proud of her hard work and dedication. Cara enjoys learning about a variety of subjects and her teachers marvel at her enthusiasm and persistence in the classroom.

Congratulations, Cara!



**Cara Zemelman is all smiles as she proudly wears her CTY medal.**

Remember to notify the Home Office  
if your address changes!

LPSCU 2021

## POST GRADUATE AWARD

The LPSCU is offering two different Post Graduate Award benefits to our members who are awarded a Master's or Doctorate degree during the period running from July 1, 2020, to August 30, 2021. These awards are:

**\$300 Award (Based on \$2,000 of insurance)**

**\$500 Award (Based on \$5,000 of insurance)**

Members who qualify may receive this award one time upon receiving their Master's degree and one time upon receiving their Doctorate. (Members must apply separately and provide all the required criteria if they wish to apply for both the Master's and Doctorate Post Graduate Awards).

Following are the guidelines for applying for the Post Graduate Award. All applicants must:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for at least five (5) years with either a \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate or a \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate. (Term insurance is excluded.)
- Provide a photocopy of the Master's and/or Doctorate degree received.
- Provide documentation that the degree was awarded between July 1, 2020 and August 30, 2021.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined and provide data indicated in order to be eligible. Applications missing data or with incomplete requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2021.** Submit applications to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

ATTN: Post Graduate Award

P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ Toll free: 888-834-6614

Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

**Please Note** – After September 30, 2021, only a \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate will qualify for this award. Future applicants can increase their current face amount to meet the \$5,000 requirement.



*An LPSCU Educational Benefit*

## 2021 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award

~ \$500 Award ~

The LPSCU is proud to offer the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award for students in the health-care field. This award, instituted in 2006, is given in memory of Anne (Shinal) Cichy, the first LPSCU public relations director. The award is made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Shinal.



Those applying for the Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a life insurance certificate with the LPSCU.
- Must attend an accredited college/university in the **fall of 2021** on a full time basis, pursuing a degree in the healthcare field. Proof of acceptance/attendance must be provided.
- Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

The recipient of the 2021 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award will receive \$500.

The recipient of this award shall be selected by a random drawing from among all the qualified applicants. No individual shall be eligible to receive this award more than two times.

Applicants must meet all criteria outlined above and provide data indicated on the application form to be eligible. Those applications with incomplete data or requirements will not be considered. All submitted materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. **Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2021.** Submit application to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
ATTN: Anne (Shinal) Cichy Award  
P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

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E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org)

Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

## Lifetime Servant Leadership Award Presented

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius recently presented the 2020 Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award in Eldercare to Susan Smith, RN. The award was part of a virtual Servant Leadership ceremony for high school students and adults in October 2020. Due to pandemic restrictions, the award could not be presented in person until March 2021.

Susan Smith has worked with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius to establish a “home away from home” at Maria Hall in collaboration with Columbia Montour Home Health and Hospice, and now maintains the hospice home at Maria Hall under LHC Corporation.

On October 25, 2020, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, awarded the Servant Leadership Award to 27 outstanding high school seniors from the Diocese of Harrisburg (Pennsylvania). The virtual ceremony took place at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville.

Over the past 18 years, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have honored nearly 1,300 teens with the Servant Leadership Award. The Award recognizes distinguished high school juniors and seniors who are joyful witnesses, compassionate proclaimers, and enthusiastic builders of the Kingdom of God. The focus of the award is on teens who remain active in their faith, and who actively serve in their parish, school, and community.

At the virtual ceremony, the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius also honored four adults who received the Father Matthew Jankola Lifetime Servant Leadership Award in the ministries of evangelization, education, elder care, and ecumenism.



**Susan Smith (second from right) receives the Lifetime Servant Leadership Award for Elder Care from the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius. The award was presented by Sister Michael Ann Orlik, SS.C.M. (right), general superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M. (second from left), and Sister Jeanne Ambre (left).**

# One Slovak Family: Expanding Slovak Citizenship

**Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.**

Slovak and Canadian Americans trace our roots to our ancestors' homeland of Slovakia and some of us prize our Slovak background. We prize our traditions and culture, love our unique Slovak foods, and wish to retain our ties with Slovakia. We feel Slovak as part of our being. But when we travel to Slovakia, or do business there, we are officially considered to be "foreigners."

Global Slovakia wants to change that status. It has launched a movement called "One Slovak Family" for those who wish to recover their rights of citizenship, and/or facilitate the process of obtaining dual citizenship based on Slovak ancestry. But the broader aim is to reconnect with our Slovak roots and tap the talent which has left their family's original homeland.

Since the late 19th century, one-third of Slovaks have emigrated abroad, and that trend has continued since the Velvet Revolution of 1989. Emigration from Slovakia has ranked among the highest of any peoples worldwide. Many "hyphenated" Slovaks are scattered throughout the world – in the USA, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and many other countries around the globe. (Two million in just the USA have Slovak roots!)

Some of Slovakia's best and most talented people have settled abroad and continue to do so because of higher wages abroad and the perception of less opportunity in Slovakia. Over the course of history, many factors have contributed to the straining of ties with our original homeland: poverty, wars, onerous military drafts, Magyarization, Czechization, anti-immigration laws, totalitarian governments, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and time itself.

Most other countries (for instance, the Czech Repub-



lic, Poland, Ireland, and Italy) make it relatively easy for the descendants of emigrants to return to their family's homeland, and to obtain citizenship. Unfortunately, Slovakia does not rank among them and it "makes it needlessly hard for her sons and daughters to come home."

Slovakia needs to grow as a country and now faces a declining birth rate; the Slovak population could decline by as much as 30% given current trends. Thus, Slovakia must gain more citizens in order to even maintain its population at today's count. By extending Slovak citizenship to Slovak descendants, it would help unite our nation. When we grow in population size, we also grow in influence and gain more political and economic sway around the world.

In summary, "One Slovak Family" aims to reconnect Slovaks abroad with their homeland and reunite the Slovak family. As a starting point, it is lobbying so that the Slovak government will rewrite legislation on the conditions for becoming a Slovak citizen. It also aims to harness the full power and influence of the larger Slovak community in the world and facilitate its connections with the homeland. Success in this endeavor might achieve the following goals:

- Slovakia will gain representatives around the world.
- Emigrants will champion the interests of their homeland abroad.
- They will publicize and raise awareness of the country's opportunities in powerful places, circles, and through networks.
- They will make it easier for Slovak delegations, leaderships, and businesses to engage and bridge build with native communities abroad.

Slovakia can only benefit from uniting its population: We are ONE SLOVAK FAMILY. If you would like to learn more about this effort, visit our website: [www.oneslovakfamily.com](http://www.oneslovakfamily.com).

*Professor Michael J. Kopanic is an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Maryland Global Campus, formerly UMGC. A specialist on Slovak history, he has spent his academic career learning, teaching, and writing about history, culture, and the Slovak language.*

## Study Abroad Scholarship

The government of the Slovak Republic is offering one scholarship to study at the Slovak universities. More details, such as required documents and fields of study, are accessible at the web address, [www.vladnestipendia.sk/en](http://www.vladnestipendia.sk/en). Once on the website, click on "Wizard," located in the left column and enter your continent and country to see the list of requirements. Clicking on "Required Documents," also located in the left column of the website, will provide a detailed list of forms that need to be completed or included with the application.

Technical support is available by emailing [helpdesk@studyabroad.sk](mailto:helpdesk@studyabroad.sk) or calling +412 907 551 404. **The deadline for online registration is May 30, 2021.**



**Dr. Michael J. Kopanic, Jr.**



## Did I Write That?

I have to tell you, when I read Joan Hladek's "My Love Affair with QVC" article in the last issue, I had to do a double take to make sure it was her name as the author and not mine. While I couldn't tell you the last time I ordered anything from QVC, I do have a neighbor that gets A LOT of deliveries. Most are from Amazon; sometimes there are multiple deliveries in the same day! If I'm being honest, though, I've done my part to ensure job security for Amazon delivery drivers as well.

I have another neighbor whose packages for some reason kept being delivered to our house. It didn't matter if the carrier was FedEx, UPS, Amazon, or the U.S. mail – all of her packages ended up on my door. I got her daughter's golf clubs, her husband's new shirts, and the smallest box I've ever seen that weighed at least 50 pounds, to name a few. (I admit I was curious what was in that tiny heavy box, but I didn't ask.) Some days she was picking up the latest item at my back door while yet another package was being dropped off at my front door!



And while Joan has a "thing" for purses and bags, I don't think I've ever passed a decorative box or basket that I didn't like. Whenever a box or basket catches my eye, I feel the gravitational pull to go over and at least *look* at it. When I do stop to look at a fancy box and my daughter is with me, she just rolls her eyes and gives me that *Mom, seriously? Another box?* look. I glance back with equally pleading eyes that say *But I really like it... and look how pretty it is!* Plus you get the benefit of being able to store things in plain sight.

As for the IKEA closet that Joan is potentially going to purchase to house her things when she moves, I might be able to top that. My husband and I bought a church – yes, a church – to store our "stuff." Actually, we bought the church to use as storage for my husband's business, but somehow *our* stuff ended up there. (Who am I kidding? It's *my* stuff!) It doesn't help that when we moved to our current house, there was no basement and no attic and the house we moved from had a full basement and a full walkable attic. (Translation: A fully *filled* basement and attic.) I even have color coded totes for holidays... blue for snowmen/winter, red for Valentine's, green for St. Patrick's, purple for Easter... you get the idea. In my mind, I was making it easy when it came time for decorating and undecorating... just pull all of the same tote color. As for the quantity of "stuff," it didn't help my cause when our daughter moved to South Carolina and left me with a garage full of items she no longer needed or wanted. Heaven help me if we ever sell the church because I really will need divine intervention from above! Joan, what did you say that number for IKEA was again?

**Deborah McKinley**  
LPSCU Public Relations Director

## "Like" Us on Facebook

LPSCU is back on Facebook! Find us under the name "LPSCU Life." It's a great way to quickly learn of any changes that are occurring with events or be reminded of upcoming deadlines. We want you to "like" us!



## In Memoriam

*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Kenneth Michaels*	7	Exeter, PA
Mary Jane Gromos	28	Joliet, IL
Mary E. Connolly*	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Margaret Grofic	42	Pittsburgh, PA
Doris Osowiecki	60	W. Hazleton, PA
Catherine Mancuso	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Nancy A. Lyons	79	Whiting, IN
Margaret Kolesnik*	83	Bethlehem, PA
Louise A. Polenchar*	83	Bethlehem, PA
Renee Hladek	109	Hammond, IN
Mary J. Tarantini	122	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Paul Hludzik, Sr.*	124	Hazleton, PA
Wilma Marin	132	Campbell, OH
Susan Stoffan*	132	Campbell, OH
Frances Sobczak	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Helen Poklemba	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA

\*Multiple certificates



# LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION

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Annual Interest Rate is 3%\*

\*EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

- ✦ The LPSCU Flexible Annuity is a flexible-premium, deferred annuity that accepts ongoing deposits of as little as \$100 per month.
- ✦ An annuity is a long-term investment where the interest earned is accumulated and compounded.
- ✦ Annuities are used to supplement retirement income, whereby at some point you stop paying into the annuity and start taking out.
- ✦ Upon maturity, LPSCU offers a number of distribution options, giving our members the convenience of selecting the one that is best suited for them.
- ✦ LPSCU's competitive interest rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors; however, your rate will never go below the guaranteed minimum rate established by the annuity contract.
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# BISHOP ANDREW G. GRUTKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**\$1,000 AWARD**

(Maximum of \$2,000 per member)

The LPSCU is proud to once again offer the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award for lay persons between the ages of 18 to 35. This award, implemented at the 37th National Convention held in Merrillville, Indiana, in August 2000, is given in memory of Bishop Andrew G. Grutka, an outstanding Slovak leader who was the founding Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Those applying for the Bishop Andrew G. Grutka Memorial Scholarship Award must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$5,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- Be a lay person between 18-35 years of age.
- Be of the Catholic religion (Latin Rite or Byzantine).
- Be initiated fully into the Church (Baptized, Eucharist, and Confirmed) and continuing to be eligible to receive the sacraments of the Church.
- Be a member of a Catholic parish.
- Be active in parish/diocesan/campus ministry as a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, adult altar server, catechist/aide, member of parish RCIA/C Team, youth minister, member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and/or other parish committees or organizations.
- Provide a Sponsor Eligibility Form from their parish to show they are active Catholics.
- Be active in an organization or activity that promotes awareness of our Slovak heritage, culture, and traditions.
- Be endorsed by his or her pastor and LPSCU Branch Secretary, with additional endorsement provided by campus minister, youth minister or pastoral associate.
- Attend (or will attend) an accredited college/university as a full time student.
- Provide a notice of acceptance or tuition receipt for the coming scholastic year.
- Provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

**Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2021.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed application and supporting material to:

Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
ATTN: Bishop Grutka Award  
P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ TF: 888-834-6614 ❖ Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

## Greensburg Diocese Names New Bishop of Slovak Heritage

The LPSCU offers warm congratulations to The Most Reverend Lawrence J. Kulick on his Episcopal Ordination and installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Bishop Kulick was appointed by Pope Francis as the sixth Bishop of Greensburg on December 18, 2020. He was ordained a bishop and installed on February 11, 2021, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

Bishop Kulick is very active in many Slovak organizations and is a great advocate of his Slovak heritage.

May God grant him the grace to lead the people entrusted to his care with humility, compassion, and the loving witness of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

*Pochválen bud Pán Ježiš Kristus! Naveky. Amen.*

## ATTENTION! Branch Secretaries

Calling all Branch Secretaries! Can you please go to our web page ([www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)) and verify that your Branch information is correct and up to date? Once you have done that, kindly e-mail our Public Relations Director, Deborah McKinley, at [dmckinley@lpscu.org](mailto:dmckinley@lpscu.org) and advise her if everything is correct, or if you have updated your information. Either way, please drop Debby an e-mail and let her hear from you!

## Cooking Corner

### POTATO-LESS POTATO CANDY (FLITCH)

1 box of confectioners' 10x powdered sugar  
¼ cup Cool Whip  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 stick butter  
Creamy peanut butter

Mix first four ingredients together. Form a ball. Refrigerate for half an hour to make it easier to roll out. Roll out to pie crust thickness onto parchment paper dusted with powdered sugar to aid in the rolling. Spread peanut butter to your desired thickness onto the rolled mixture. Roll into a log. If need be, you can sprinkle a little more powdered sugar on as you go.

Chill overnight and slice into ¼" pinwheels. Enjoy!



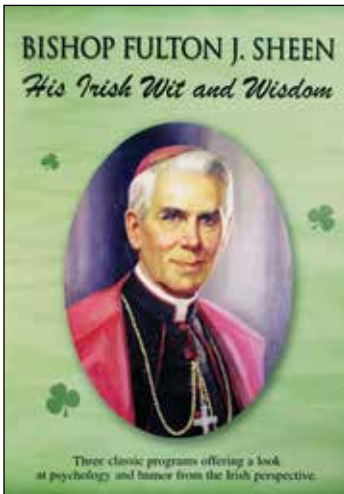
## My Favorite Irishman

It was on April 17, 2016, that I went to the NIU Convention Center in DeKalb, Illinois, to see Theresa Caputo, aka “The Long Island Medium.” It was an enjoyable evening but when I got home, while changing to my nightgown, I noticed in the mirror a huge red rash on my back. Of course, I was frightened, but I did not want to go to the emergency room since I was very tired. I reminded myself that if I died in my sleep that night, it was okay because I had gone to confession. I planned to seek medical attention in the morning.

The next day, my doctor looked at the rash said, “You have shingles.” I don’t recall whether he ordered a prescription for me and I probably wouldn’t have taken it anyway since I am a horrible pill taker, so I suffered through that day and the next. Then I remembered a story about a young woman in Peoria, Illinois, who, in September of 2010, had just delivered a stillborn

baby in the hospital. For two hours, she held the baby and in a loud voice called for the intercession of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. As the result of her plea, the baby miraculously lived. Recalling this story, I too prayed to Fulton J. Sheen and in about six to eight hours, the pain was gone and the oozing from the rash had stopped.

Do you remember Fulton J. Sheen? I grew up watching his inspirational evening TV show, *Life is Worth Living*. He always



used a blackboard in his program and when he would step away and later return to the blackboard, which by then had been cleaned, he would always praise “his angel” for doing a good job. He would walk up to the camera and look at it with piercing green eyes that seemed to look right through you. (Or perhaps his eyes were blue, but TV at the time was still black and white.)

Fulton Sheen was born in El Paso, Illinois, on May 8, 1895. He was baptized Peter John Sheen, but took his mother’s maiden name of Fulton, perhaps as a way to distinguish himself from the many named Peter John. He rose through the ranks of the church until he finally was made Archbishop around 1969. He died on December 9, 1977, in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. Occasionally EWTN will rerun one of his television programs.

If you are interested in learning more about Archbishop Sheen, I found that *Wikipedia* has a good presentation of his life story.

**Joan Hladek**  
LPSCU Trustee

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# 2021

## Youth Achievement Award

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Help the LPSCU show an outstanding young member that they are appreciated by nominating him or her for the 2021 Youth Achievement Award.

To receive a Nomination Form, contact the Home Office at 570-823-3513 or toll free at 888-834-6614; E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) or visit our website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

**THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS  
IS JUNE 1, 2021.**



# LPSCU 20 PAYMENT LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

The 20 Payment Life Insurance Plan offered by the LPSCU is an economical and beneficial plan for anyone age 0 to 70. The ages and limits of insurance coverage for Non-Medical Rates are: 0-40, \$30,000; 41-60, \$20,000; 61-70, \$5,000. The LPSCU reserves the right to require a medical examination on any applicant.

Premiums are low and can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The specific feature of this plan is that premiums are paid for a period of twenty years and then the certificate is paid in full. Coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. In the event of death prior to twenty years, the face amount of the policy is paid to the insured's named

beneficiary(ies), except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

A member with a 20 Payment Life Insurance Plan is entitled to all fraternal benefits of the LPSCU including educational awards, youth and adult activities, newborn benefits, prescription discount card, official publication, and discount car rental.

To apply for this specific plan, or any other insurance plan offered by the LPSCU, contact your Branch Secretary or the LPSCU Home Office.

Listed below are the Annual and Monthly Premium Schedules for the 20 Payment Life Insurance Plan. The Premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semi-annual and quarterly premium rates are also available by contacting your Branch Secretary or the Home Office.

## 20 PAYMENT LIFE PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000 Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	8.04	7.75	0.72	0.70
1	8.13	7.83	0.73	0.70
2	8.22	7.92	0.74	0.71
3	8.32	8.01	0.75	0.72
4	8.41	8.10	0.76	0.73
5	8.51	8.19	0.77	0.74
6	8.61	8.29	0.77	0.75
7	8.72	8.38	0.78	0.75
8	8.82	8.48	0.79	0.76
9	8.93	8.58	0.80	0.77
10	9.03	8.68	0.81	0.78
11	9.15	8.78	0.82	0.79
12	9.22	8.89	0.83	0.80
13	9.53	8.99	0.86	0.81
14	9.84	9.10	0.89	0.82
15	10.16	9.21	0.91	0.83
16	10.48	9.32	0.94	0.84
17	10.80	9.43	0.97	0.85
18	11.12	9.65	1.00	0.87
19	11.46	9.97	1.03	0.90
20	11.73	10.23	1.06	0.92
21	12.07	10.55	1.09	0.95
22	12.43	10.89	1.12	0.98
23	12.81	11.24	1.15	1.01
24	13.19	11.61	1.19	1.04
25	13.59	11.98	1.22	1.08
26	14.00	12.36	1.26	1.11
28	14.86	13.18	1.34	1.19
29	15.32	13.61	1.38	1.22
30	15.79	14.05	1.42	1.26
31	16.28	14.51	1.47	1.31
32	16.79	14.98	1.51	1.35
33	17.33	15.46	1.56	1.39
34	17.89	15.96	1.61	1.44
35	18.47	16.47	1.66	1.48

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
36	19.08	17.02	1.72	1.53
37	19.71	17.58	1.77	1.58
39	21.04	18.76	1.89	1.69
40	21.75	19.39	1.96	1.75
41	22.47	20.04	2.02	1.80
42	23.23	20.71	2.09	1.86
43	24.02	21.41	2.16	1.93
44	24.83	22.14	2.23	1.99
45	25.67	22.90	2.31	2.06
46	26.54	23.68	2.39	2.13
47	27.45	24.48	2.47	2.20
48	28.39	25.32	2.56	2.28
49	29.38	26.20	2.64	2.36
50	30.43	27.09	2.74	2.44
51	31.53	28.02	2.84	2.52
52	32.68	28.99	2.94	2.61
53	33.90	29.98	3.05	2.70
54	35.17	31.01	3.17	2.79
55	36.50	32.08	3.29	2.89
56	37.89	33.19	3.41	2.99
57	39.35	34.34	3.54	3.09
58	40.90	35.54	3.68	3.20
59	42.55	36.79	3.83	3.31
60	44.31	38.11	3.99	3.43
61	46.16	39.46	4.15	3.55
62	48.11	40.88	4.33	3.68
63	50.18	42.39	4.52	3.82
64	52.39	43.99	4.72	3.96
65	54.76	45.71	4.93	4.11
66	57.29	47.54	5.16	4.28
67	60.04	49.50	5.40	4.46
68	63.06	51.61	5.68	4.64
69	66.35	53.90	5.97	4.85
70	69.97	56.37	6.30	5.07

# CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE THESE MEMBERS?

We are looking for the following members. Their last known place of residence is listed below.

- Alkas, Ann G. – Tampa, FL  
Amreihn, Kenneth – Essexville, MI  
Anthonson, John – Youngstown, OH  
Baluh, Bethany – Mt. Pleasant, PA  
or Latrobe, PA  
Bardoczi, Dana – Hammond, IN  
Blastick, Christopher – Chugiak, AK  
or Anchorage, AK  
Bridzius, Andrius R. – El Paso, TX  
or San Antonio, TX  
Cabay, Donald – Lees Summit, MO  
or Lawrence, KS  
Campbell, Scott – Pittsburgh, PA  
Cavenas, Keri L. – Mahanoy City, PA  
Chapman, Christopher – Greer, SC  
or Greenville, SC  
Craig, Jessica – Avoca, PA  
Daku, Kristie – Catasauqua, PA  
Davies, Bernadette – South Abington  
Twp., PA or Chaumont, NY  
DeLorenzo, Joseph – Pennington, NJ  
or Hillsborough, NJ  
Domanic, Robert J. – Joliet, IL  
Ferry, Conor – Emmaus, PA  
or Easton, PA  
Ferry, Kelly – Emmaus, PA  
or Sellersville, PA  
Fink, Carly – Reading, PA  
Fink, Thomas – Coopersburg, PA  
Fisher, Alyson – Conyngham, PA  
Fuss, Cynthia – Plymouth, PA  
Gennetta, Melissa – Pueblo, CO  
or Maricopa, AZ  
Giacobbe, Mark – Coplay, PA  
Golby, Raeleen – Johnstown, PA  
Hatalski, Richard – Glen Lyon, P  
or Wapwallopen, PA  
Higgins, Tiffany – Hunker, PA  
Hochlinski, Jilan – Jacksonville, FL  
Hodge, Michael – N. Catasauqua, PA  
Horvath, Lindsay – Swoyersville, PA  
Jakub, Katherine – Coraopolis, PA  
Jones, Jeffrey – Youngstown, OH  
or Struthers, OH  
Kadish, Karen – West Mifflin, PA  
Kinsey, Ann Marie – Taylor, PA  
Kraus, Joseph – Schererville, IN  
or Crown Point, IN  
Latshaw, Melissa – Danielsville, PA  
Lowrie, Deborah – Dalton, PA  
Maloof, Nicholas J. – Hoover, AL  
Maxwell, Brenda – Evans City, PA  
McKenzie, Gary – Hazleton, PA  
McMahon, Arianna – Duryea, PA  
or Avoca, PA  
McRae, Kelsey – Kingston, NY  
McTague, Robert – Scranton, PA  
Mikulaj, Angela – Lake Station, IN  
Mikulaj, Brian M. – Lafayette, IN  
Miller, Linda – Parkton, MD  
or Sparks Glencoe, MD  
Miller, Richard – Luta, FL  
Mitrakos, Deborah – Naperville, IL  
or Aurora, IL  
Morrison, Irena – Greensboro, NC  
Moskal, Justin – St. Charles, IL  
Murzyn, Stanley – Flint Hill, VA  
or Front Royal, VA  
Parisi, Allison – Seminole, FL  
Petak, Richard – Johnstown, PA  
Petak, Robert – Johnstown, PA  
Popa, Christine – Campbell, OH  
Popovich, Janet – Donora, PA  
or Monessen, PA  
Rager, Paula – Edgewater, FL  
Rebarchak, John M. – Exton, PA  
Richard, Joshua S. – Pittsburgh, PA  
Root, Aaron – Scranton, PA  
or Clarks Summit, PA  
Rudaitis, Gaile – Hot Springs  
National Park, AR  
Ruthrauff, Daniel – Bethlehem, PA  
Sharrow, Roxanne – Youngstown, OH  
Silay, Amanda – Avalon, PA  
or Glenshaw, PA  
Skopelja, Cynthia – Unionville, IN  
or Valparaiso, IN  
Sorrentino, Philip – Philadelphia, PA  
or Wallingford, PA  
Stinavage, Judy – Binghamton, NY  
Streisel, Christine – Tamaqua, PA  
Streisel, Maria – Tamaqua, PA  
Stumpf, Kelly – Blandon, PA  
Suchy, Mary – Chicago, IL  
Susoreny, James – Richardson, TX  
Talianek, Cathy – Allentown, PA  
Tomanio, Terri – Port Charlotte, FL  
Totin, Anastasia – San Leandro, CA  
Ulincy, Brandon – Canonsburg, PA  
Vasko, Austin – Philadelphia, PA  
Vizza, Daniel – Chicago, IL  
Votral, Gregory – Springfield, MA  
Vrabel, Susan – Orlando, FL  
Weinreich, Sarah – Shenandoah, PA  
Weldner, Robert – Orefield, PA  
Wenta, Silvia – Mountain Home, AR  
or Western Spring, IL  
Whitaker, Kimberly – Emmaus, PA  
Wisniewski, Edward – Waymart, PA  
or Rockaway, NJ  
Wojna, Helen – Bridgeport, CT  
Wooditch, Christopher – Dallas, PA  
or Hanover Twp., PA  
Zander, Sara – Vermilion, OH  
Zavalick, Chad – Morrisville, PA  
or Horsham, PA

If you have any information regarding any of these members or their relatives, please contact Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge as soon as possible at 570-823-3513, toll free at 888-834-6614, or via email at [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



## In Memoriam ~ SS.C.M. Sisters

### Sister M. John Vianney Vranak, SS.C.M.



Sister M. John Vianney (Frances Vranak) died at Emmanuel Center, Danville, Pennsylvania, on Sunday morning, December 20, 2020. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 5, 1932, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Durratinsky) Vranak.

She graduated from St. Simon parish school in Chicago. She attended St. Cyril Academy in Danville for one year and went on to graduate high school from St. Casimir Academy in Chicago. Frances then entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville and was professed as Sister M. John Vianney on August 11, 1954. She earned a B.S. in Home Economics from Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and a Master's degree in Home Economics Education from St. Louis University in Missouri.

Sister M. John Vianney was involved in congregational administration as a member of the Leadership Team in Danville for eight years. Following this, she became administrator of Villa St. Cyril, a nursing home in Highland Park, Illinois. Elected in 1988 as general superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Sister M. John Vianney served until 1992. During her term, Sister laid the groundwork for the Meadows at Maria Joseph Manor. Also during her tenure, the chapel at Villa Sacred Heart was named a basilica and dedicated on November 26, 1989.

Sister M. John Vianney is survived by a sister, Mrs. Dolores Kniola of Huntley, Illinois, and by many nieces and nephews.

A Committal Service was held at the Sisters' cemetery in Danville on December 23, 2020. Donations in memory of Sister M. John Vianney can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.

### Sister M. Cyrilline Biel, SS.C.M.

Sister M. Cyrilline (Bernardine Biel) died on Monday, January 25, 2021, at Emmanuel Center, Danville, Pennsylvania. Born in Whiting, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Mary (Chomistek) Biel. She attended Immaculate Conception School and Junior High and graduated from George Rogers Clark High School, all in Whiting.

Bernardine entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on September 8, 1950, and was received as a novice on August 9, 1951. As Sister Cyrilline, she professed her first vows on August 13, 1953.

Sister Cyrilline received a B.S. in Education from Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in Business Education from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Sister Cyrilline is survived by two sisters, Stephanie Dick and Mary Ann Biel, and a brother, Stephen, as well as several nieces and nephews.



A graveside Committal Service took place on January 28 at the Sisters' cemetery in Danville. Donations in memory of Sister Cyrilline can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.

### Sister Mary Paul Kurator, SS.C.M.

Sister Mary Paul (Lucy Kurator) died on February 10, 2021, at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. Born in Gary, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Mary (Pavlov) Kurator. She attended Holy Trinity School in Gary and graduated in 1949 from St. Cyril Academy in Danville. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on February 2, 1950, was received as a novice on August 10 of that year and professed her vows on August 13, 1952.

Sister Mary Paul completed her B.A. in 1961 at Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and earned an M.A. in Latin at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana. She also studied at Villanova and LaSalle universities, both in Pennsylvania.

A graveside Committal Service took place on February 15 at the Sisters' cemetery in Danville. Donations in memory of Sister Mary Paul can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.



## Celebrating a Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary?

If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary, LPSCU wants to hear from you! Drop us a line with information about your anniversary, which



one you're celebrating, any interesting tidbits you'd like to share, or how you celebrated. Of course, including a picture is always a welcome addition too! Once the Home Office receives the information, they will send you either a gold (for 50th) or silver (for 25th) wedding cross to commemorate your special day.

Kindly send information by e-mail to [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) or mail to LPSCU, 71 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Please include a phone number in case we have any questions.



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# Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Year End Financial Report

Assets	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
Investments.....	\$ 15,433,170.00	\$ 15,647,401.00
Cash on Deposit .....	\$ 577,203.00	\$ 338,001.00
Real Estate Owned .....	\$ 108,038.00	\$ 112,278.00
Other Assets .....	\$ 57,918.00	\$ 57,338.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 16,176,329.00	\$ 16,155,018.00

Liabilities & Fund Balance	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
Fund Balance.....	\$ 3,613,344.00	\$ 3,724,370.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve .....	\$ 31,684.00	\$ 44,227.00
Asset Valuation Reserve .....	\$ 519,792.00	\$ 455,067.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee.....	\$ 84,846.00	\$ 110,087.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates.....	\$ 11,759,565.00	\$ 11,610,976.00
Other Liabilities .....	\$ 167,098.00	\$ 210,291.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 16,176,329.00	\$ 16,155,018.00

Revenues	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
Premium Income .....	\$ 239,155.00	\$ 205,251.00
Investment Income.....	\$ 725,370.00	\$ 777,770.00
Income - Other .....	\$ 35,235.00	\$ 29,246.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 999,760.00	\$ 1,012,267.00

Expenses	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
Death Claims .....	\$ 318,730.00	\$ 316,481.00
Endowments .....	\$ 37,690.00	\$ 20,073.00
Cash Surrenders .....	\$ 38,211.00	\$ 85,761.00
Annuity Benefits .....	\$ 1,723.00	\$ 14,299.00
Dividends .....	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in aggregate reserves .....	\$ 148,589.00	\$ 134,333.00
Branch Support/Commissions .....	\$ 16,717.00	\$ 16,613.00
General Operating Expenses .....	\$ 28,027.48	\$ 108,617.00
Officers and Committee Expenses .....	\$ 242,883.10	\$ 256,264.00
Actuarial/Accounting Expense.....	\$ 67,625.00	\$ 84,660.00
Investment Mgt. Fee .....	\$ 86,254.05	\$ 93,005.88
Official Publications.....	\$ 55,236.54	\$ 55,199.43
Travel Expense .....	\$ 1,480.69	\$ 7,221.62
Bureau and Association Dues .....	\$ 6,810.00	\$ 6,510.00
Donations.....	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 6,424.70
Scholarships .....	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 5,350.00
Fraternal Activities.....	\$ 8,885.14	\$ 12,507.37
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees .....	\$ 31,136.00	\$ 61,438.00
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	\$ 1,100,178.00	\$ 1,284,758.00
Net Gain/Loss From Operations.....	\$ (100,418.00)	\$ (272,491.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss) .....	\$ (46,909.00)	\$ (36,562.00)
<b>Total</b> .....	\$ (147,327.00)	\$ (309,053.00)

Surplus Account	Year End 2020	Year End 2019
Surplus, December 31, previous year .....	\$ 3,724,370.00	\$ 3,898,324.00
Net income from operations .....	\$ (147,328.00)	\$ (309,053.00)
Change in net unrealized capital gains (losses)...	\$ 100,958.00	\$ 323,465.00
Change in asset valuation reserve .....	\$ (64,725.00)	\$ (87,942.00)
Aggregate write-ins for gains and losses .....	\$ 69.00	\$ (424.00)
Change in reserve acct. chg. In valuation basis .....	\$ -	\$ (100,000.00)
Net change in surplus for the year .....	\$ (111,025.00)	\$ (173,954.00)
Surplus, December 31, previous year .....	\$ 3,613,345.00	\$ 3,724,370.00

## PROCLAMATION National Flag Day

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

*Annual Pause for  
the Pledge of Allegiance  
to the U.S. Flag*



WHEREAS, by Act of Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted, and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year has been designated National Flag Day, and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Day Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance on National Flag Day, June 14, and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress, Public Law 99-54 was passed to have the Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the nation, and

WHEREAS, National Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity, a democracy in a republic, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom, to the rule of law, and to equal rights for all,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theresa A. Kluchinski, national president, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2021, as National Flag Day and urge all members of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union to pause at 7 p.m. Eastern Time on this date for the 39th annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and our great nation.



# Junior Branch Journal

Meet the May JBJ Star

Arianna McMahon



- ★ She is 9 years old and lives in Avoca, PA.
- ★ She would be a unicorn, if she could, because they are magical and majestic animals.
- ★ She would like to meet Marie Curie because she would be a great female role model and she discovered 2 elements: radium and polonium.
- ★ She would rather play in the snow (instead of sand) because she can make snow angels, snowmen, snow castles, and have snowball fights.
- ★ If she got \$10,000 today, she would like to give some to feed the hungry, some would go to a charity, some would go to a homeless shelter, and then, if any was left, she'd give it to her mom.
- ★ The greatest thing ever invented was love. The love of a mom to her child is the best and no one but that mom and child can describe how it is because everyone's is different.

## Mother's Day Sugar Scrub



- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 3/4—1 cup granulated white sugar
- 2-4 drops yellow or red food coloring
- 10-15 drops lemon essential oil OR
- 10-15 drops raspberry or vanilla extract

Melt the coconut oil in the microwave for 20-35 seconds, until melted. Pour sugar into oil and mix. If too juicy, add a small amount of sugar and mix. Add food coloring to make the color you desire. Add essential oils or extract drops to achieve the scent you desire. Store in an air-tight container. This recipe makes 2-3 small cups of scrub.

*Let us not forget...*

Memorial Day is celebrated this year on May 31, a patriotic holiday. On this day, we give honor to the men and women who gave their hearts, souls, and lives so that we can live freely in this great country. Many fallen heroes from the Civil War, the first & second World Wars, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Iraq are remembered by placing flowers on their graves. The President of the United States will give a speech, thanking and honoring these brave souls.

Memorial Day is a legal holiday and Americans also honor our soldiers by marching down streets, enjoying picnics, and visiting War Memorials.





# Junior Branch Journal



## Father's Day ~ June 20

Father's Day is unique to modern America. It's a day when all children, young and old, remember their present and past fathers.

On Father's Day, we give thanks to God for having the right to call them Dad, shower them with gifts, love, and affection. Don't forget Father's Day, and don't forget to tell him, "I love you, Dad!"

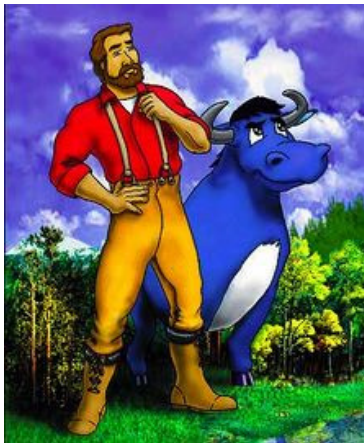


## Paul Bunyan Day ~ June 28

Paul Bunyan Day is a giant of a day. Paul Bunyan was a gigantic lumberjack in American folklore who has long been the hero of the American logging camps. Rumored to be 63 axe handles high, and able to eat 50 pancakes in a minute, the lumberjack bumbled his way across the United States, wreaking havoc and creating some of our most beautiful landmarks. His "tall tales," or greatly exaggerated exploits, have been celebrated in poems, stories, song, and film. In the tales, Paul Bunyan was almost always accompanied by his companion, Babe the Blue Ox.

Paul Bunyan is "credited" with many deeds. Among his more legendary feats:

- He created logging in the U.S.
- He scooped out the great lakes to water Babe, his ox.
- He cleared the entire states of North and South Dakota for farming.
- He trained ants to do logging work. They were, of course, Carpenter Ants.
- Babe's large footprints created Minnesota's 10,000 lakes.



Paul Bunyan Day is the perfect day to find out more about local folklore—no matter where you live in the world, there are definitely some interesting legends about the area, so take advantage of this little folk hero holiday to find out some more. Just don't believe everything you read!

## What Is A Dad?

A Dad is a person  
who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows  
what you have on your mind.  
He's someone who listens,  
suggests, and defends ~  
A Dad can be one  
of your very best friends!  
He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A Dad can be patient  
and helpful and strong  
In all that you do,  
a Dad's love plays a part ~  
There's always a place for him  
deep in your heart ~  
And each year that passes,  
you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud  
just to call him your Dad!  
Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring,  
for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you!

Happy Father's Day

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**LPSCU 2021**

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AWARD

**\$300 One-Time Award**

The LPSCU is offering a Catholic High School Award Benefit, which is a \$300 one-time award to our members who are attending a Catholic high school during the 2021-2022 academic year. Members may only receive this award one time.

The following are the Guidelines for applying for the Catholic High School Award:

- ✓ Must be a member of the LPSCU for two (2) years with \$2,000 permanent reserve life insurance certificate (excludes term insurance).
- ✓ Must be a Catholic high school freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in the fall of 2021.
- ✓ Must provide a wallet-size color photo.

Applicants must meet all criteria and provide data indicated above to be eligible. Incomplete applications or those missing data requirements will not be considered. All materials become the property of the LPSCU and will not be returned.

**Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2021.**

Applications are available from the LPSCU Home Office or its website. Return completed applications to:

**LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION**

ATTN: Catholic High School Award

P.O. Box 32

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Phone: 570-823-3513 ❖ TF: 888-834-6614 ❖ Fax: 570-823-4464

E-mail: [lpscu@lpscu.org](mailto:lpscu@lpscu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpscu.org](http://www.lpscu.org)

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- *Vegetables*
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