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## GABRIELLA KUPSHO RECEIVES MARGARET SABOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Gabriella Kupsho of Drums, Pennsylvania, a member of Branch 60, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award. Gabriella is currently attending Drexel University located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, majoring in Biomedical Engineering with plans to continue her studies at Drexel College of Medicine to become an interventional cardiologist. She is a 2018 graduate of MMI Preparatory School located in Freeland, Pennsylvania.

In her essay to be considered for this award, Gabriella wrote about how from a young age she has had many close family members with various medical conditions that resulted in her being taken along to hospital visits and doctor's appointments as her "after school" activity. It was during these "activities" that Gabriella came across the topic of stem cell research. Gabriella loves the rewarding feeling of being in the lab – conducting tests, recording data, and analyzing the results – and the possibility of new discoveries that will dramatically change people's entire lives. At that point, she knew she was hooked and knew this was the career path she wanted to pursue.

Gabriella is also a past recipient of the following LPSCU awards: Youth Achievement Award, Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award, Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award, and Life Insurance Award. She is the daughter of Dr. Robert and Diane Kupsho. Her brother, RJ Kupsho, and godmother, Anita Gregory, are also members of Branch 60.

The Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award was established in her memory through the generosity of Margaret's daughter. The award is given annually to an LPSCU member who is attending college full time pursuing a degree in Science (including Medical Science).

It is with great pride that the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union announces Gabriella Kupsho as the 2020 recipient of the Margaret Sabol Scholarship Award. Congratulations, Gabriella!



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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.*

### NOVEMBER

- 20-22** – 42nd National Convention of the LPSCU at the Double Tree by Hilton, Pittsburgh – Meadowlands, 340 Racetrack Road, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for January/February 2021 Morning Star.**
- 29** – Pittsburgh District's Christmas party at 1:00 p.m. at Banquets Unlimited, 200 Bridge Street, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. Call your Branch Secretary or Dolores Sakal (412-243-0438) by November 23 to make a reservation.

### DECEMBER

- 5** – LPSCU Board Meeting (Telephone Conference)
- 6** – Rev. Dianiska District's annual Christmas party scheduled for this date has unfortunately had to be cancelled as the venue is not available.
- 11** – Msgr. Beeda District Christmas party at 6:00 p.m. at Rocco's Restaurant, 245 Muir Avenue, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Reservations are required. Contact Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263 by December 1. Cost per person is \$15.00. A Matching Fund Holiday Raffle will be held at the event to benefit United Children's Home in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania. *See page 15 for more details.*
- 31** – **Deadline to submit an article for the Slovak Catholic Federation's 2021 Good Shepherd publication.**

### ❖ 2021 ❖

### JANUARY

- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for March/April 2021 Morning Star.**
- 29** – March for Life, Washington, D.C.

### MARCH

- 10** – Msgr. Beeda District Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Vesuvio's Restaurant, Butler Drive, Drums, Pennsylvania. Anyone planning to attend should call Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263 by March 1.
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for May/June 2021 Morning Star.**
- 24-25** – LPSCU Internal Audit
- 26** – LPSCU Annual Meeting (Conference Call)

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## THE CHRISTMAS EVE “VILIIJA” SUPPER Stedry Vecer

One of the treasured memories of growing up in a Slovak home was that of the traditional Christmas Eve supper. Everyone in the family so looked forward to the delicious foods. I remember helping my grandmother separate the freshly baked *bobalky* from the baking pan into a large container and of course sampling a few in between. As my grandmother prepared the *bobalky* with sauerkraut or with poppy seed, the mushroom soup, and all the other meatless dishes, the house was filled with an inviting aroma – one which you couldn't wait to sit down and enjoy at the traditional meal. After my grandmother passed away in 1976, the tradition and customs were left for us to carry on.



Rev. Robert L. Seeman

*Vilija* means a Christmas “vigil,” with each portion of the meal symbolizing a part of the Christmas story and the life and ministry of Jesus.

Before the meal begins, some hay is placed on, or under, the table as a reminder of the humble surroundings of the manger. After prayers and blessings, the father of the family or leader of the household passes around *oplatky*, a Christmas wafer imprinted with images from the Nativity, topped with honey. This symbolizes the sweetness of Christ and Christmas. As the *oplatky* is passed from one person to another, a Christmas greeting of well wishes is extended.

The meal begins with a delicious mushroom soup made with sauerkraut juice, followed by some homemade *pirohy*, filled with sauerkraut, potato, cheese, or *lekvar* (prunes), and fish. At the end of the meal, the amazing home baked pastries are placed on the table for everyone to enjoy. The *kolachy* are filled with either apricot, poppy seed, *lekvar*, or nut filling.

As I said earlier, this meal was handed down from my maternal grandmother to my mother, then to all my siblings to continue the *vilija* for years to come. It is a time of bonding with your family on Christmas Eve and a way to stay connected to those who have gone before us in faith and ancestry.

I can't even begin to count how many *vilija* suppers I personally have prepared over the years. Here's a story for you: Back in the fall of 2014, I attended the funeral of a Vincentian Sister of Charity in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Afterwards, at the luncheon, the Sisters at my table were talking about the *vilija* traditions. They all knew that I often celebrated the tradition in my parish, so one of the Sisters asked if I would prepare a *vilija* for them at the motherhouse. Without any hesitation, I agreed.

We planned for a Sunday early in December of that year to host the *vilija* supper. I prepared an entire traditional Christmas Eve meal for 55 Sisters. I did all the cooking, baking, and transporting of the food. It turned out to be a fantastic celebra-

tion. It was a joy to celebrate with the Sisters the customs and traditions of our Slovak heritage, remembering the birth of Jesus Christ. And of course, after the meal we had a good old fashioned toast with the Christmas cheer of *slivovica*.

I hope and pray that every family will have the opportunity to gather this Christmas Eve to partake of this wonderful meal, a meal of tradition, the connection to our ancestral roots, and one of greatest spiritual meanings for all – the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Vesele Vianoce!*

Blessings,  
Father Bob



## Recipes for the Christmas Eve Supper

### MUSHROOM SOUP

½ lb. dried mushrooms (chopped)	1 tablespoon flour
1 quart water	1 stick butter
1 cup sauerkraut juice	Salt
1 small onion	

Soak dried mushrooms in cold water overnight. Drain and chop. Add with water and sauerkraut juice to pot. Simmer for a couple of hours.

### Zapraska

(Prepared mixture for the thickening of the soup)

In a medium skillet, heat the stick of butter and diced onion. Lightly brown the onion, then add flour gradually, stirring constantly. Simmer to thicken. As it thickens, add some of the broth from the soup and then stir the *zapraska* into the soup.

Serve the soup with small square noodles.

### BOBALKY

1 pkg. yeast	6 cups flour
1 tsp. salt	2 cups water
1 Tbsp. sugar	1 Tbsp. sugar
½ cup lukewarm water	

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Add salt and 1 tablespoon of sugar. Let it sit for 5 to 10 minutes. Sift flour and remaining sugar. Add yeast mixture and rest of ingredients. Knead well. Let dough rise until doubled in size. Punch down. Cut off small portions of the dough and roll out on a floured

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## Recipes for the Christmas Eve Supper

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board by hand to make a roll about 1" in diameter. Cut into 1" square pieces and place on a cookie sheet. Let dough rise for about 15 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees until lightly browned. Cool and separate. Place squares in boiling water for just a couple of minutes to soften. Drain quickly to prevent sogginess.

### **Fillings**

**Sauerkraut:** Lightly brown 1 small diced onion in 1 stick of butter. Add 1 lb. of drained sauerkraut. Cook for about 20 minutes. Add mixture to half of the *bobalky*.

**Poppy Seed:** Lightly brown ½ stick of butter. Pour over the other half of the *bobalky* and add ½ cup to a cup of poppy seed filling.

For those who don't like sauerkraut or poppy seed, just brown some butter and pour it over the *bobalky* as another option.

### **KOLACHY**

8 oz. cream cheese, softened      Confectioner's sugar  
12 oz. (3 sticks) butter, softened      Apricot, prune, or  
3 cups all-purpose flour                  nut filling

Mix cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Add flour 1 cup at a time and mix well. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out dough ¼ inch on a surface that has been dusted with equal parts of confectioner's and granulated sugar (not flour).

Cut into 2 inch squares. Place ½ teaspoon filling on center of each square. Overlap opposite corners of dough to the center over filling. For star-shaped cookies, cut a slit into all four corners. Alternate slit corners to the center over the filling.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until tan in color. Cool and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

### Our Scholarship Recipients Explain

## The Importance of Life Insurance

The saying goes, "The greater the risk, the greater the reward." While each person defines how far they are willing to extend risk in their lives – how close they will approach the ledge until they back down – risk is an essential part of life. There are some situations where this uncertainty can be controlled. Accompanying a life of varying of risk level is the need for life insurance. Life insurance is essential because while one would like to think they have a life plan, there are always accidents, sudden death, or terminal illnesses that interrupt life's path. It is important that in the wake of life going wrong, at any point in life in someone's life, they have life insurance to act as their safety net. Much of life is spent planning for the future: college, career, family life. It is frightening to think that without life insurance, a single event could dismantle everything someone has constructed. Whether a child needs to be peacefully put to rest, a widow needs to continue their way of life after a spouse dies, or a parent on which children depend passes, protection of life insurance is essential regardless of age.

**Olivia Jones**

Branch 124, Hazleton, PA

*The National Officers and Staff  
of the LPSCU  
Wish You and Yours  
a Very Happy Thanksgiving,  
a Blessed and Merry Christmas,  
and a New Year Filled  
with Health and Happiness!*

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Novy Rok!*

*Linkiu jums geru  
Sv. Kaledu ir mielu  
bei laimingu  
Naujuju Metu!*

# A Message from Our Spiritual Protector

## Christmas ~ The Time to Count Our Blessings



**Abbot Gary Hoover,  
O.S.B.**

In the movie *White Christmas*, there was a wonderful song Bing Crosby sang called “Count Your Blessings.” He sang this song during those times of life when he was down.

*“When I’m worried and I can’t sleep  
I count my blessings instead of sheep  
And I fall asleep counting my blessings.”*

How many of us this year...with Covid-19 along with our own health issues, untimely deaths, churches being closed, politics, riots, protests, division of our country... found time to count our blessings? The headlines of this past year can bring faith-filled people down. There have been plenty of reasons to NOT count our blessings.

EXCEPT.....

The greatest blessing of all is that Jesus Christ our Savior was born! He is the light that gives us blessings to count.

- Christ becoming human is a blessing.
- Christ’s teachings and healings are blessings.
- Christ’s love, kindness, and compassion are blessings.
- Christ’s forgiveness is a blessing.
- Christ’s suffering is a blessing.
- Christ’s dying on the cross is a blessing.
- Christ’s rising from the dead is a blessing.
- Christ’s gift of eternal life is a blessing.



During this Christmas season, let Christmas inspire us to sleep peacefully, knowing that Jesus is our blessing. Just as it was written in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jesus is our hope and future. HE IS OUR BLESSING!

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas ~  
*Abbot Gary, O.S.B.*

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## Calendar

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### APRIL

**19-20** – Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Independence, Ohio

### MAY

**TBD** – American Fraternal Alliance Spring Symposium

**20** – **Deadline to submit articles for July/August 2021 Morning Star.**

### JUNE

**19** – LPSCU Mid-Year Meeting (Conference Call)

### JULY

**20** – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October 2021 Morning Star.**

### SEPTEMBER

**TBD** – American Fraternal Alliance Executive Summit



# Minutes of the Executive Finance Committee

## CONFERENCE CALL ❖ AUGUST 26, 2020

President Theresa Kluchinski called the meeting to order and offered a prayer. 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 the May 20, 2020, Executive Finance Committee meeting.

### **Correspondence/Requests**

The committee acknowledged the correspondence read and approved the following requests:

- ❖ Request from the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Day Association for a donation for the 97th Annual Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. *Approved \$50.00.*
- ❖ Request from the Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance for a donation for the Scholarship Fund. *Approved \$50.00.*
- ❖ Request from the Citizens Voice to place an ad for July in the newspaper. *Approved \$360.00 ad.*
- ❖ Request from the Citizens Voice to place an ad for August in the newspaper. *Approved \$675.00 ad.*
- ❖ Saint Andrew Abbey requesting a donation for the Annual Benefit. *Approved \$250.00.*

The following donations have been approved if received before the next meeting:

- ❖ Fraternal Societies of Greater Pittsburgh donation for the Children's Hospital Drive. *Approved \$100.00.*
- ❖ Fraternal Societies of Northeast Pennsylvania donation to Domestic Violence for Make a Difference Day. *Approved \$100.00.*

### **Financial Statement**

The committee reviewed the following checking accounts: M&T Bank – General Operating Account – The Outstanding Checklist for the M&T General Operating Account for May, June, and July 2020; the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Checking Account for May, June, and July 2020, and the Home Office – Branch Deposit Account.

The committee reviewed the June 30, 2020, Quarterly Report and the Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet for May, June, and July 2020. The committee also reviewed graphs which provide a snapshot of the financial statement.

### **Bond/Stock/Pension Portfolio**

The committee was provided and reviewed all activity from May, June, and July 2020, including Common Stocks, Preferred Stocks, and International Bonds. The Employee Retirement Plan was also reviewed.

### **Home Office**

Secretary-Treasurer Savidge reported that four tables with rollers have been purchased for the back room and that phone jacks will be installed in the back room.

### **Budget**

The committee was provided and reviewed the budget through July 2020.

### **Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be November 18, 2020.

There being no further business, the EFC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Jo Savidge**

National Secretary-Treasurer

## Pittsburgh District to Hold Christmas Party

The Pittsburgh District will hold its Christmas party on Sunday, November 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at Banquets Unlimited, 200 Bridge Street, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. Please call your Branch Secretary or Dolores Sakal at 412-243-0438 no later than Monday, November 23, to make your reservation or for more information.

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You will be entered into a quarterly drawing to win \$25.00!

The only other requirement is - you must be a member of the LPSCU!

Not a member and want to be?  
E-mail us for information!

Easy Money!

QUARTERLY WINNER

This quarter's winner is  
Michael DeFazio  
Congratulations, Michael!

## In Memoriam

# John A. Holy Slovak Cultural Activist

John Alois Holy, 98, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, during the early morning of July 24, 2020. A well-known Slovak cultural and fraternal activist, he was a member of LPSCU Branch 42, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Born in 1922 in Nova Bana, a gold mining town in western Slovakia, he left home in March 1939 to begin his university studies in Bratislava. He graduated with a writing degree in 1944, just as the Germans defeated a Czechoslovak uprising.

Months later, the armies of the Soviet Union marched through his homeland and John got his first glimpse of his lifelong nemesis: totalitarianism.

John went to work for a national newspaper, becoming a prominent anti-communist journalist. In 1947, a member of the Czechoslovak underground implicated John as a fellow member in order to receive leniency at the hands of the Soviets. John was taken from his bed on a cold November morning and imprisoned for three months.

While in prison, he began to contemplate a better life in the West and to study English by reading books. His brother was able to secure John's release just before the Czechoslovak Community Party took complete control of the government. With his arraignment pending, John fled to the West, dodging patrols and crossing the Morava River under cover of darkness on the night of May 1, 1948.

Fifteen months later, in September 1949, he landed in Boston. He traveled to Great Falls, Montana, to earn his visa, working odd jobs. In 1952, he began his employment at the Slovak Catholic Sokol as editor of its official publication. He later would return to the Sokol to serve as underwriter until his retirement.

John met Nina Frissikova at a social event at St. John Nepomucene Parish in New York City. The couple wed at the church on June 13, 1953, and they continued their attachment to the Slovak parish throughout their marriage. They were blessed with two daughters, Luby and Jane, and a son, Robert, who died in infancy.

John was active in numerous Slovak organizations over the years. His first love was the Slovak League of America. He served on its national board since 1970 and in 1975 became the National Secretary, a position he held until 2003 when he was elected Honorary National Secretary. He was a regular at the League's office in Passaic, New Jersey, until shortly before his death.

In 1970, John was a founder of the Slovak World Congress and labored to preserve the oldest Slovak publication in the U.S., the *Slovak v Amerike*. He spearheaded numerous activities in the years which saw the fall of Communism and the emergence of an independent Slovak Republic.



## Marshall Nay Starts 7th Grade Virtually

Marshall Nay, a member of Branch 109, Hammond, Illinois, began his first day of e-learning on August 24, 2020. His parents opted for an e-learning mode when their school district offered parents a choice of in-class attendance or virtual options. Marshall's parents felt it was beneficial for e-learning students to have their own area set aside as a classroom to maneuver through the virtual learning process, so they set up this great in-home classroom for Marshall's 7th grade school year.

The school district, which is in a rural area, supplied its students with the necessary equipment to have a successful e-learning experience. The district began an e-learning program immediately when Illinois declared physical attendance at school was cancelled at the start of the Covid-19 outbreak. By comparison, Chicago and other area school districts took a week or more to get their e-learning operational.



**Branch 109 member Marshall Nay in his new "classroom."**



In 1997, John was presented with the republic's most prestigious national award, presented by the President of Slovakia, and in 1998 he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, representing the Slovak community.

In addition to the LPSCU and the Slovak Catholic Sokol, John was also a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. He was also among the founders and supporters of the annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival and supported the work of the Slovak Catholic Federation.

Family, friends, and fellow Slovaks gathered on August 1 at St. John Nepomucene Church where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Richard D. Baker.

He is survived by his wife, Nina, and his two daughters and their families.

John was truly an individual dedicated to the high ideals of the Slovak cultural and fraternal community. He spent a lifetime promoting the good name and unique culture of his homeland. May he rest in peace.

*Excerpted from an obituary originally prepared by Daniel F. Tanzone, editor, Slovak Catholic Sokol*



# LADIES PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK CATHOLIC UNION

- ❖ The LPSCU Flexible Annuity is a flexible-premium, deferred annuity that accepts ongoing deposits of as little as \$100 per month.
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- ❖ Minimum deposit is \$100.00.
- ❖ After the sixth year, there is no LPSCU penalty on annuity withdrawals.
- ❖ If the annuitant dies prior to settlement, funds on deposit are payable directly to the named beneficiary(ies).
- ❖ Settlement Options:
  - Payment of a specified amount.
  - Payments for a specified period.
  - Life Annuity.
- ❖ Payment options can be monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, depending upon your needs.
- ❖ Prior to settlement, annuitant may withdraw the Cash Surrender Value at any time; however, the minimum withdrawal amount is \$250.00.



## FLEXIBLE ANNUITY

Annual Interest Rate is 3.5%\*

\*Effective April 1, 2018

**NOTE:** *Withdrawals taken prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% Early Withdrawal Penalty by the Internal Revenue Service.*

For more information about the

## LPSCU FLEXIBLE ANNUITY

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# A Tale for the Birds or *St. Francis, Are You Watching?*

The following story is a result of the pandemic that just happened by chance. Late this past spring, there were birds hanging around the tall bushes and trees surrounding my ranch condo. They would squawk and bombard me whenever I would enter or leave my home. I figured the birds – all types of them – were protecting their nests, eggs, and future nestlings. I also noticed that when it rained, the birds would drink water and bathe in the puddle that would accumulate at the corner end of my driveway.

So, I had this brainstorm that I would buy a birdbath for the birds. Since I was unable to get to Lowe's because my family wanted me to stay safe from the pandemic, my son-in-law went, but instead of a birdbath he bought me a large plastic tray that would fit under a large planter to catch water. I filled it up with water and placed it in the oasis at the end of the driveway that is filled with bushes, trees, and reeds.

Little did I know that it would become a "spa" or bird resort. The birds made full use of it and I soon became "spa attendant." In the beginning, I needed to change the water once a day. (Now it has become twice a day.) At first, there was an old robin (he had gray hair on his chest) that acted like he owned the place. The little tiny birds (my daughter thought they were house sparrows) had to wait until the robin was done with his grooming before they went in. They would form a line and one would enter and bathe, hop out, and the next one would go in. There were 6 or 7 of them at any given time. I came to realize that this was a safety measure the birds developed. Once they realized that the spot was safe, they all jumped in. This "pool party" has become a regular event around 2 p.m. each afternoon, so now I have to make sure they have clean water for this festivity. The only thing that frightens them is when I get to the glass storm door. If I make the slightest bit of noise, they all fly off. I realize now how acute their hearing is.

Like a real chump, I thought I should put out some bird seed to feed them. That lasted a couple of days until I found out that the gopher that lives under my front stoop would join the 2 o'clock party, drink the water, and eat the seed! That put a stop to trying to feed the birds, but I plan to keep the birdbath out until the weather turns cold.

I tried to capture a picture of the birds at their "spa," but I remind you about their acute hearing. Every time I would venture close enough, they'd all fly off. So, I've had to settle for sharing a picture of the birdbath without any live birds!



There is one sad note, though. One of the nestlings either died in the nest or was the victim of some intruder and was tossed on the driveway. However, my resident ants took care of cleaning up the body.

The ants are a story for another issue. Stay tuned!

**Joan Hladek**  
LPSCU Trustee

## Branch and Okres News

### MSGR. BEEDA DISTRICT

Members of Hazleton's Msgr. Beeda District were originally scheduled to hold their first meeting of 2020 in March, but it was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Finally, on Tuesday, September 8, they were able to hold a meeting at Tom's Restaurant, Route 93, Conyngham, Pennsylvania, while following all the necessary safety guidelines. The group enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert beforehand.

The meeting was called to order by District President Anita Gregory and was followed by a short prayer. A few questions were brought up and answered regarding the upcoming LPSCU National Convention, which is scheduled to be held in November in Washington, Pennsylvania. Plans were finalized for the District's Christmas party, including the date, location, time, and menu. Additionally, a Matching Fund Event was planned and is scheduled to take place at the party.

The next District meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Vesuvio's Restaurant, Butler Drive, Drums, Pennsylvania.

### Recently Married?

Did you know that if you are a member and were recently married, you can receive a wedding cross from the LPSCU? You can select either a gold or silver cross to commemorate your special day. For more details on the process, please visit "Fraternal Benefits" under "Membership Benefits" on our website ([lpscu.org](http://lpscu.org)).



# In Memoriam

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

Name	Branch	Location
Mary Uhlman	7	Exeter, PA
Alberta Podgurski*	19	Swoyersville, PA
Margaret Heylek	37	Plymouth, PA
Robert J. Tomasic	52	North Braddock, PA
Ronald R. Weiner*	62	Northampton, PA
Lawrence R. Janicko*	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Sister Geraldine Kasper	64	Pittsburgh, PA
Irene Bruchas	65	Munhall, PA
Melissa A. Jakub	76	White Oak, PA
Carl D. Kaminsky	79	Whiting, IN
Margaret A. Ferri*	83	Bethlehem, PA
David J. Sluck	124	Hazleton, PA
Marie Cortelli	132	Campbell, OH
Jonas V. Butkus	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joseph Drumsta	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
William T. Kvetkas, Jr.	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joyce P. Linderman*	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Elizabeth Stepulis	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
William Stranch, Jr.*	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Regina Kush	213	Dallas, PA

\*Multiple certificates

## SS.C.M. Appeal Update

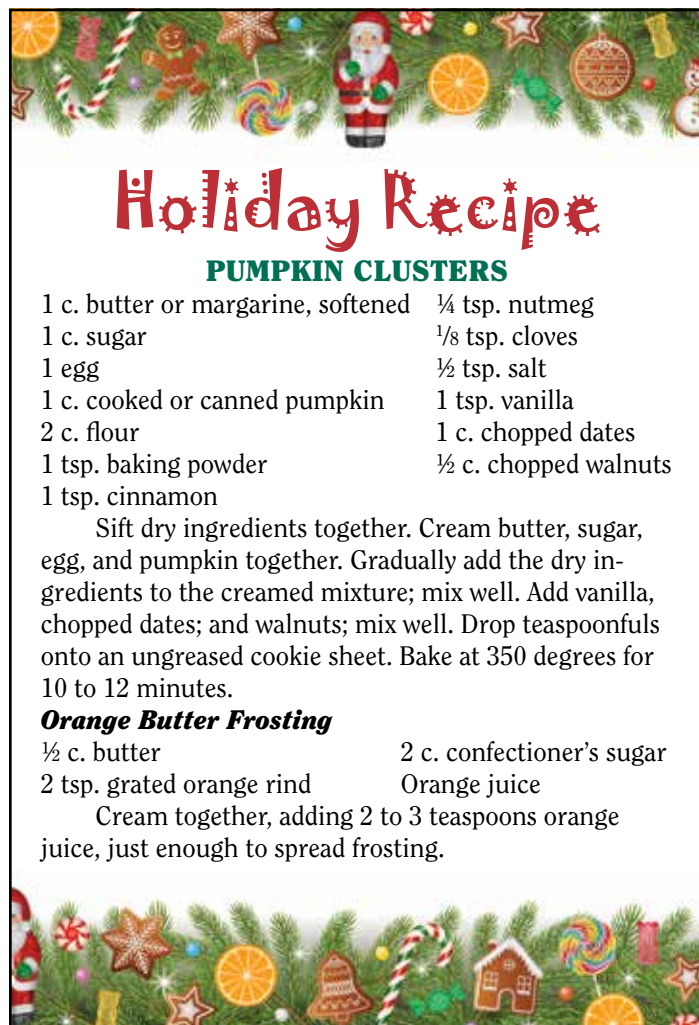
By the time this issue of the *Morning Star* reaches you, the 42nd Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal will be drawing to a close. The Appeal raises money to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day to day operations. Donations are received from individual donors, our Catholic fraternal benefit societies, and collections taken up in the remaining individual parishes of Slovak ancestry.

**As of September 20, 2020, \$24,378.50 has been received from 166 donors.** This includes donations from LPSCU Branches 6 and 24 and from the Reverend Dianiska District. All LPSCU Branches and Districts received invitations at the beginning of this year to make a donation to the Appeal. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2020 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and 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. **The 42nd Annual Appeal concludes on November 30, 2020. Gifts received after that date will be credited toward the 2021 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 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.*



## Holiday Recipe

### PUMPKIN CLUSTERS

1 c. butter or margarine, softened    ¼ tsp. nutmeg  
 1 c. sugar    1/8 tsp. cloves  
 1 egg    ½ tsp. salt  
 1 c. cooked or canned pumpkin    1 tsp. vanilla  
 2 c. flour    1 c. chopped dates  
 1 tsp. baking powder    ½ c. chopped walnuts  
 1 tsp. cinnamon

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream butter, sugar, egg, and pumpkin together. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture; mix well. Add vanilla, chopped dates; and walnuts; mix well. Drop teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes.

**Orange Butter Frosting**

½ c. butter    2 c. confectioner's sugar  
 2 tsp. grated orange rind    Orange juice

Cream together, adding 2 to 3 teaspoons orange juice, just enough to spread frosting.

### 42nd Annual SS.C.M. Appeal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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



# Nothing Can Stop a Super Slovak!

Just the fact that the 97th Slovak American Day at Kennywood Park even took place is remarkable. We reportedly were one of only a couple ethnic groups not to cancel their annual picnic due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The atmosphere was noticeably different this year because even though it was a lovely day weather-wise, the park seemed nearly empty of visitors. Even “Cowboy Joe” who sits on the bench near “Garfield’s Nightmare” was nowhere in sight. This friendly character who has greeted park visitors for decades must have rambled off to the safety of one of the park’s sheds. But fear not! “Cowboy Tom” Kaylor took Joe’s seat at least for a moment to offer anyone passing by a friendly “Howdy.”

Tom and Mary Ann Kaylor and her sister, Helen Lorinc, all from Pittsburgh District Branch 64, then moved on to the Slovak Kitchen which offered a modified but delicious menu. Everyone received a button to pin on their shirt claiming that *Nothing Can Stop a Super Slovak*. How true!

After enjoying the food, the trio tapped their feet to the live music in the pavilion and enjoyed conversation with old friends before attending the Mass. Afterwards, a

Slovak sing-along kept everyone engaged while the stage was readied for a beautiful program presented by the Pittsburgh Slovaks.

Luckily, the rides everyone usually enjoys were operating this day and Mary Ann and Helen were able to get the seat in the last car on the Jack Rabbit to make it all the more fun.

Even though this year’s event was rather unusual, we were so grateful to still have the opportunity to gather as a Slovak community to honor the spirit and memories of our ancestors and to share beautiful traditions. All in all, the attendance for Slovak Day was a respectable 175 to 200 people. Our thanks goes out to the Slovak Day Committee for believing the community would respond.

**Below:**  
Helen  
Lorinc,  
Tom and  
Mary Ann  
Kaylor.



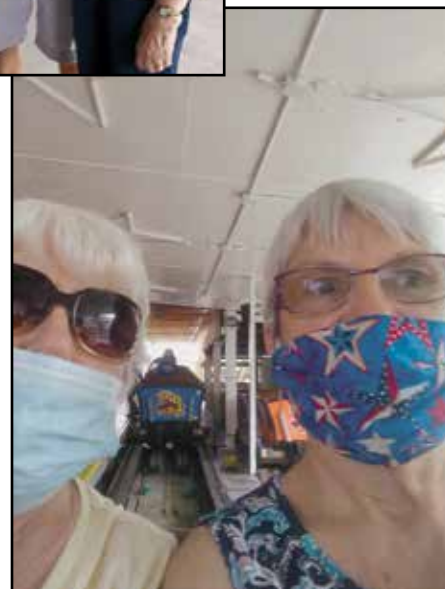
**Above:**  
“Cowboy Tom”  
Kaylor



**Left:**  
Mary Ann  
with her  
husband,  
Tom  
Kaylor.



**Pittsburgh Slovakian Dancers**



**Sisters Mary  
Ann Kaylor and  
Helen Lorinc  
ride the Jack  
Rabbit.**

# Slovak U.S.A.

## Places of Slovak Interest in the United States

The following is an online project of the Heritage/Cultural Standing Committee of the Slovak Catholic Federation (2017-2018) – Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB. Submit information for consideration to: [gerard@standrewabbey.org](mailto:gerard@standrewabbey.org).

### CALIFORNIA

- **The House of Czech and Slovak Republics / Balboa Park**  
2170 Pan American Plaza, San Diego  
<https://czechandslovakcottage.com/>  
Music / Dancing / Ethnic food

### FLORIDA

- **The Slovak Garden, Inc.**  
3110 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park  
<http://www.slovak-garden.com/about.html>  
Retirement community / Genealogy museum / Social hall / Newspaper
- **American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club**  
13325 Arch Creek Road, North Miami  
<http://acscc.org/>  
Clubhouse and restaurant

### ILLINOIS

- **St. Stephen's Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish)**  
513 South Shabbona Street, Streator  
<http://www.stmichael-streator.org/>  
Church building was the oldest Slovak church in the U.S. (1885) along with St. Joseph's in Hazelton, Pennsylvania (also 1885).
- **Daughters of St. Francis of Assisi**  
507 N. Prairie Street, Lacon  
<http://laconfranciscans.org/>  
American province of a religious community from Slovakia who administer St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Lacon.
- **Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist**  
1209 East Lake Avenue, Peoria Heights  
<http://www.sistersofjohnthebaptist.com/aboutus>  
Founded in 2006 in Peoria by sisters from Slovakia who sought renewal in their religious life. Charism of supporting priests and seminarians.
- **Veselicka Slovak Academy of Chicago**  
8840 S. Richland Avenue, Oak Lawn  
<http://veselica.com/index.php/2018/03/07/joinveselicka/>  
Slovak folkloric dance and choreography classes

### INDIANA

- **American Slovak Club**  
1324 119th Street, Whiting  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Slovak-Club-Inc/119014664779026>  
Pub / Dance and night club
- **St. John the Baptist Church**  
1849 Lincoln Avenue, Whiting  
<http://mysjb.org/about-us/parish-history/parish-history20/>  
The church interior features the Grand Arch Mural painted in 1947 which traces the Catholic roots of the Slovak people through history.

### IOWA

- **National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library**  
1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids  
<http://www.ncsml.org/>  
Museum with special exhibits and study trips.

### MICHIGAN

- **Saints Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church**  
41223 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights  
<http://saintcyrils.org/slovak-festival.html>  
Sunday Masses celebrated in English, Slovak, and Latin / Annual Slovak Festival in August
- **Saint Paul's Albanian Catholic Church**  
525 West Auburn Road, Rochester Hills  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Pauls-Albanian-Catholic-Church/1021408294608386>  
Three main wooden altars from the historic Sacred Heart Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, were removed and purchased by this church that serves the Albanian Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

### MINNESOTA

- **Czech and Slovak Sokol Hall (C.S.P.S.)**  
383 West Michigan Street, St. Paul  
<http://www.sokolmn.org/>  
Oldest Slovak/Czech hall in continuous use in the U.S. (1887).

### NEW JERSEY

- **Slovak Catholic Sokol**  
205 Madison Street, Passaic  
<http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org/index.asp>  
Home office and museum for this fraternal benefit and athletic society.
- **Shrine of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich**  
Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station  
<http://www.scnj.org/index.php/miriam-homepage>

### NEW YORK

- **Saint John Nepomucene Parish**  
First Avenue and 66th Street, New York City  
<http://www.nycago.org/Organs/NYC/html/StJohnNepomucene.html>  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass celebrated in Slovak.

### NORTH CAROLINA

- **Czech and Slovak School of North Carolina**  
4405 Hope Valley Road, Durham  
<http://www.czechslovaksschoolnc.org/>  
Community resource center / Slovak classes offered
- **Map of Czech and Slovak related businesses in North Carolina**  
<http://czechslovaksschoolnc.blogspot.com/p/box-sizing-border-boxmyinput-background.html>

### OHIO

- **First Catholic Slovak Union of the USA and Canada Corporate Center**  
6611 Rockside Road, Independence  
<https://www.fcsu.com/>  
Fraternal insurance headquarters that includes cultural artifacts and exhibits.
- **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Home Office**  
24950 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood  
Fraternal insurance headquarters  
<http://www.fcsla.org/>



- **Saint Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey and Slovak Institute**  
10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland  
<http://www.slovakinstitute.com/>  
Library and museum of Slovak literature, culture, and history located within the Benedictine monastery and on the grounds of Benedictine High School.
- **Transfiguration Parish (Saints Cyril and Methodius Church)**  
12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood  
<http://www.parishesonline.com/find/transfiguration-parish-44107>  
Beautiful side chapels, stained glass, and mosaics of Slovak Catholic history.
- **Slovak Cultural Garden**  
<http://www.clevelandculturalgardens.org/gardens/slovak-garden/>  
One of a series of beautifully-landscaped gardens along Martin Luther King Drive running from Lake Erie south to University Circle. It features sculptures and a large statue of General Milan Stefanek.
- **Jednota Slovak Club and Lanes**  
485 Morgan Avenue, Akron  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Jednota-Lanes-Bowling-Center-257084611035557/about/>  
Bowling and social club.
- **American Slovak Club**  
2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain  
<http://www.americanslovakclub.com/>  
Bowling and social club also known for their fish fries.
- **Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius**  
252 East Wood Street, Youngstown  
(Now part of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish with **St. Matthias Church**, 915 Cornell Street and **Holy Name of Jesus Church**, 613 North Lakeview Avenue)  
<https://ourlady915.org/saints-cyril-and-methodius-church>  
First of six Slovak parishes established in the Youngstown diocese.
- **Saints Cyril and Methodius Church / (St. Elizabeth Seton Parish)**  
1234 High Street, Warren  
<http://www.seaswarrenohio.org/ss.-cyril--methodius.html>  
A modified Gothic church of rare and exquisite loveliness and a tribute to their noble Slovak Catholic ancestors. It was dedicated on May 20, 1950, by Bishop Emmet Walsh.
- **American Slovak Cultural Association of the Mahoning Valley**  
2800 Shady Run Road, Youngstown  
<https://www.facebook.com/American-Slovak-Cultural-Association-of-the-Mahoning-Valley-152703974765429/>
- **The Slovak Club of Warren, Ohio**  
1707 Larchmont Avenue, Warren  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Slovak-Club/117040661647158>
- **The Slovak Heritage Room / Grasselli Library**  
John Carroll University, University Heights  
Slovak Heritage Collection – A gift of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the collection is housed in a special room down the hall from the GK Chesterton room. It is dedicated to the study of Slovak language and culture and is maintained in conjunction with the University Library Committee.

## PENNSYLVANIA

- **The Murgas Room**  
King's College, Wilkes-Barre  
[https://www.kings.edu/life\\_at\\_kings/campus\\_ministry/murgas\\_room](https://www.kings.edu/life_at_kings/campus_ministry/murgas_room)

Museum honoring the memory of the "Radio Priest," Fr. Jozef Murgas, who had the first public demonstration of wireless telegraphy over land in 1905 / Founder of the Slovak Catholic Federation / Founding pastor of Sacred Heart Parish / Painter.

- **The Jankola Library and Slovak Archives Research Center**  
Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville  
<http://jankolalibrary.sscm.org/>  
Collection of books, tapes, artifacts, and records connected with Slovak-American history and culture. Also at this location is the **Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica\\_of\\_Saints\\_Cyril\\_and\\_Methodius\\_\(Danville,\\_Pennsylvania\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica_of_Saints_Cyril_and_Methodius_(Danville,_Pennsylvania))
- **Jednota Memorial**  
Rosedale Avenue, Middletown  
<https://www.fcsu.com/about/jednota-memorial/>  
The memorial honors all deceased members, whether or not they were war veterans. However, special honor is given to all who were Jednota veterans of war from WWI to the present.
- **University of Pittsburgh / Cathedral of Learning Czechoslovak Room**  
4200 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh  
<http://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/>  
One of 30 classrooms featuring artifacts of particular cultures (1939).
- **John Kollar Slovak Literary and Library Society and Club**  
3226 Jane Street, South Side, Pittsburgh  
<https://kollarclub.weebly.com/>  
Social and cultural events and language classes.
- **Sokol Club**  
2912 East Carson Street, South Side, Pittsburgh  
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthSideSOKOL/>  
Social club and event venue for Slovak activities.
- **Coal and Coke Heritage Museum**  
Penn State University Fayette, Eberly Campus, Lemont Furnace  
<http://fayette.psu.edu/visit/coalandcoke>  
Slovak items are included in some of the displays.
- **Visitation of the BVM** (Now partnered with St. Pius X Church)  
740 Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant (Diocese of Greensburg)  
<http://www.mpcatholicchurches.org/Pages/default.aspx>  
Traditionally a Slovak parish with a unique lower grotto (1921).
- **St. Mary Nativity Church**  
61 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Uniontown  
<http://www.stmaryuniontown.org/>
- **Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union**  
71 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre  
<http://www.lpscua.org/>  
Fraternal insurance headquarters

## WASHINGTON, DC

- **Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel / Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**  
400 Michigan Avenue, Washington  
<http://www.kintera.org/site/apps/nl/content2.asp?c=etITK6OTG&b=309285&ct=166418>
- **Embassy of the Slovak Republic**  
3523 International Court NW, Washington  
<https://www.mzv.sk/web/washington-en>

## WISCONSIN

- **The Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society**  
3702 East Layton Avenue, Cudahy  
<http://www.wisconsinslovakhistoricalsociety.org/about.html>  
Museum and Heritage Center with Slovak classes.

# LPSCU 15 PAYMENT LIFE PLAN

The LPSCU offers an economical and beneficial 15 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 through 70. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase amount of \$5,000 of life insurance. Premiums are payable for fifteen (15) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 15-year period following the issue date, no additional premiums are due and payable, and the face amount of the certificate is paid to the named beneficiary/ies, except as provided within the contract regarding Suicide and Contestability.

The plan allows for premium payments to be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The certificate becomes fully paid at the end of fifteen (15) years, and coverage remains in full force and effect for the entire life of the insured without any additional premium payments required. Upon the death of the insured, the face amount of the certificate is paid to the insured's named beneficiary/ies.

A member with a 15 Payment Life 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.

The 15 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within fifteen (15) years.

During these unstable economic times, the 15 Payment Life Plan offered by the LPSCU is economical and beneficial for estate planning and can especially help with the high cost of funeral expenses.

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 15 Payment Life Insurance Plan. The premiums listed are based on \$1,000 of life insurance coverage. Semiannual and quarterly premium rates are also available.

Contact your Branch Secretary or the Home Office for more information.

## 15 PAYMENT LIFE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES PER \$1,000 Based on 2001 CSO Male and Female Mortality Tables — Based on Age at Last Birthday

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.29	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.75
1	9.13	8.44	0.82	0.76
2	9.31	8.60	0.84	0.77
3	9.50	8.77	0.86	0.79
4	9.69	8.89	0.87	0.80
5	9.89	9.12	0.89	0.82
6	10.10	9.31	0.91	0.84
7	10.32	9.50	0.93	0.86
8	10.53	9.70	0.95	0.87
9	10.76	9.90	0.97	0.89
10	10.99	10.11	0.99	0.91
11	11.24	10.29	1.01	0.93
12	11.46	10.54	1.03	0.95
13	11.84	10.76	1.07	0.97
14	12.23	10.98	1.10	0.99
15	12.62	11.23	1.14	1.01
16	13.02	11.47	1.17	1.03
17	13.41	11.71	1.21	1.05
18	13.81	12.04	1.24	1.08
19	14.23	12.43	1.28	1.12
20	14.61	12.79	1.31	1.15
21	15.04	13.19	1.35	1.19
22	15.49	13.58	1.39	1.22
23	15.96	14.05	1.44	1.26
24	16.43	14.52	1.48	1.31
25	16.93	14.98	1.52	1.35
26	17.44	15.46	1.57	1.39
27	17.97	15.97	1.62	1.44
28	18.51	16.48	1.67	1.48
29	19.08	17.01	1.72	1.53
30	19.67	17.56	1.77	1.58
31	20.28	18.10	1.83	1.63
32	20.91	18.72	1.88	1.68
33	21.57	19.32	1.94	1.74
34	22.26	19.89	2.00	1.79
35	22.97	20.58	2.07	1.85

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
36	23.72	21.18	2.13	1.91
37	24.48	21.90	2.20	1.97
38	25.27	22.64	2.27	2.04
39	26.09	23.37	2.35	2.10
40	26.95	24.05	2.43	2.16
41	27.82	24.83	2.50	2.23
42	28.72	25.73	2.58	2.32
43	29.66	26.56	2.67	2.39
44	30.62	27.40	2.76	2.47
45	31.61	28.25	2.84	2.54
46	32.63	29.24	2.94	2.63
47	33.68	30.13	3.03	2.71
48	34.77	31.16	3.13	2.80
49	35.90	32.11	3.23	2.89
50	37.09	33.17	3.34	2.99
51	38.35	34.26	3.45	3.08
52	39.67	35.39	3.57	3.19
53	41.05	36.55	3.69	3.29
54	42.48	37.74	3.82	3.40
55	43.97	38.97	3.96	3.51
56	45.51	40.25	4.10	3.62
57	47.12	41.56	4.24	3.74
58	48.81	42.91	4.39	3.86
59	50.60	44.32	4.55	3.99
60	52.49	45.78	4.72	4.12
61	54.47	47.28	4.90	4.26
62	56.54	48.85	5.09	4.40
63	58.70	50.50	5.28	4.55
64	60.99	52.24	5.49	4.70
65	63.40	54.08	5.71	4.87
66	65.96	56.02	5.94	5.04
67	68.71	58.07	6.18	5.23
68	71.69	60.27	6.45	5.42
69	74.92	62.62	6.74	5.64
70	78.44	65.13	7.06	5.86



## Whitehall Couple Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

Alfred and Kathleen Korutz of Whitehall, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on September 17, 1955, in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. Al worked for Mack Trucks, Inc. and has been enjoying retirement for over 30 years. Kathleen worked at her family's dry cleaning and tailoring business before venturing into a new career at Kids Peace. This upcoming January will mark 25 years that she has been retired.

The couple has two children, Patricia Beichey, who sadly lost her battle with ovarian cancer five years ago, and Deborah McKinley, LPSCU's national public relations director. They also have three grandchildren, Lisa Frankenfield, Matt Beichey, and Jennifer Smith, as well as a great-granddaughter, Lillian

Frankenfield. Kathleen, Deborah, Lisa, Matt, and Jennifer are all members of Branch 197, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Al and Kathleen were treated to an unexpected anniversary visit from Jennifer, who drove from South Carolina to surprise her grandparents. Mission accomplished – they definitely were surprised!

The LPSCU congratulates Al and Kathleen on this milestone anniversary and wishes them many more!



**Al and Kathleen Korutz on their wedding day, September 17, 1955.**



**Jennifer Smith (center) surprised her grandparents with a visit for their 65th wedding anniversary.**



**Three generations of LPSCU members – From left, Jennifer Smith, Kathleen Korutz, and Deborah McKinley.**

## Msgr. Beeda District Plans Christmas Party, Holiday Raffle

Members of the Msgr. Beeda District will be holding their Christmas party on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Rocco's Restaurant, 245 Muir Avenue, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. We will be following all of the safety guidelines recommended by the governor due to the pandemic at the time of the party. Reservations are required, so anyone planning to attend the event must contact District President Anita Gregory at 570-788-3263 by Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The cost of the party is \$15.00 per person.

A Matching Fund Holiday Raffle will also be held at the party, in conjunction with the LPSCU Matching Fund Program. Whatever we raise on the raffle will be matched up to two hundred dollars by the LPSCU, so let's try to make this another big success! The proceeds of this raffle will be given to the United Children's Home in West Hazleton, Pennsylvania, so that the children there may enjoy a wonderful Christmas. As always, your support and generosity are very much appreciated.

## NEW FEATURE!

### "Families of the LPSCU"

Beginning in the last issue, the LPSCU launched a new feature called *Families of the LPSCU* that will continue in upcoming issues of *Morning Star*. Anyone who is a family member or who knows an LPSCU family can submit information to be published in the magazine. The submitter would write about why they have chosen to highlight the family as an "LPSCU Family." (Including a photo or two would be great as well!) All families submitted will be featured at some point. There are no boundaries as to why a family can be highlighted. It could be because of how many are members or how many generations are members; how they dealt with a challenge; because of a common thread in their chosen profession, etc. Send your story to Public Relations Director Deborah McKinley at [dmckinley@lpescu.org](mailto:dmckinley@lpescu.org) or to [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org). We hope to hear from you soon!

## Katelyn Christensen Receives Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award

The LPSCU is proud to announce that Katelyn Christensen of Palm Desert, California, a member of Branch 172, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has been selected as the 2020 recipient of the Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award. Katelyn has started her studies at Arizona Christian University located in Glendale, Arizona, where her chosen field of study is Biology. She is a 2020 magna cum laude graduate of Shadow Hills High School, Indio, California.



Katelyn was a scholar athlete while attending Shadow Hills, being a key member of its soccer team while maintaining honor roll status during all four years in high school. She also took eighteen honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses during her years at Shadow Hills, and was successful in every one of them.

In each of the letters recommending Katelyn to be selected as this year's award recipient, reference was made to her infectious smile, extreme dedication, and strong caring for others. Katelyn has already made an indelible impression on those that know her and she has a bright future ahead. It is only fitting that she is attending Arizona Christian University, where the athletic teams are known as "The Firestorm."

Katelyn is the daughter of Debra Christensen and Daniel Christensen. Debra is also a member of Branch 172.

The Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award was established through the generosity of Lynda's parents, Peggy and Frank Posivak. The award is given to an LPSCU member pursuing a degree in or relating to the fields of Math, Science, or Technology.

It is with great pride that the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union names Katelyn Christensen as the 2020 recipient of the Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award. Congratulations, Katelyn!

## ATTENTION! Branch Secretaries

Calling all Branch Secretaries! Can you please go to our web page ([www.lpscuh.org](http://www.lpscuh.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@lpscuh.org](mailto:dmckinley@lpscuh.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!

## LPSCU PRIVACY STATEMENT

### *Our Privacy Commitment*

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union (LPSCU), a fraternal life insurance society, shares your concern about privacy. We believe in protecting the confidentiality and security of the information we collect. This notice describes our privacy policy and how we treat the information we receive about you.

### *Why we collect and how we use information*

We use the information we collected about you for business purposes with respect to our insurance and fraternal relationship with you. The business purposes include evaluating a request for our products, services or benefits; evaluating benefit claims; administering our products, services or benefits; and processing transactions requested by you. We may also use the information to contact you about other products and services we provide.

### *How we collect information*

Much of the personal information that we have comes directly from you. The information you give us when you apply for our products or services generally provides the information we need. If we need to verify information or need additional information, we may obtain this information from third parties such as health care providers. Information collected may relate to your employment, finances, health, avocations, or other personal characteristics.

### *How we protect information*

We treat the information we collect about you in a confidential manner. Our employees are required to protect the confidentiality of this information. Your personal information is available only to our employees who may need to see it to fulfill and service your needs. We maintain safeguards to protect the information and our employees are required to comply with our established policies. Should your relationship with us end, your personal information will remain protected in accordance with our privacy practices as outlined in this notice.

### *What we do with personal information we collect*

We do not disclose your personal information to companies or organizations not affiliated with us that would use the information we have provided them to contact you about their own products and services. We may disclose information about you in order for us to conduct our business, or where law requires disclosure. For example, information may be disclosed to others to enable them to provide business services for us, such as performing general administrative activities. We may use your personal information for marketing purposes or to help with your overall insurance program. Information may also be disclosed for audit or research purposes, or to law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

### *Further information*

As required by law, we will notify you of our privacy policy annually.

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## Member Celebrates Milestone Birthday

A 90th birthday celebration was held on August 19, 2020, for LPSCU Pittsburgh District President and Pittsburgh Branch 42 member Dolores (Dolly) Sakal. A socially distanced party was held at the outdoor seating venue of Portogallo Peppers N'AT in Braddock, Pennsylvania. Several family members and close friends gathered for the celebration. The beautiful cake was decorated by Janet Lawrence, a Branch 42 member and also Secretary of the Pittsburgh District. Several other LPSCU members were also in attendance. The party was organized by Dolly's good friend, Ted Schleifer. It was a beautiful night to gather and celebrate Dolly.



L-R: "Birthday Girl" Dolly Sakal, Margaret Joschak (a member of Branch 42), and Ted Schleifer.



Friends help Dolly Sakal celebrate her 90th birthday.

## New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	July/Aug. 2020	Year-to-Date Total
7	Margaret Jollimore	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
60	Anita Gregory	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
132*	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
213	Theresa Kluchinski	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
		\$ 38,000.00	\$ 76,000.00

\*Sold through Home Office, not included in Campaign

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## 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.

## Cooking Corner

### PIROHI

4 c. flour  
2 eggs  
1½ Tbsp. oil  
1 c. water  
½ tsp. salt  
Butter or margarine

Mix flour, eggs, salt, and oil. Add water to make medium-soft dough. Knead the dough for about 10 minutes. Dough should be pliable, smooth, and satiny. Roll into loaf shape and cut into four equal parts. Place into greased bowl and cover with damp cloth. Let stand for 20 to 25 minutes.

Flour the dough on both sides and roll out to about 14"x14". Cut into 2" squares. Dab heaping teaspoonful of filling into the middle of each square. Turn ends over into a triangle and pinch open ends tight with fingers. Drop into boiling water. When pirohi rises to the top of the water, boil for 3 minutes. Take out with a slotted spoon and put into a colander to drain. Put into a skillet with melted butter. Coat with butter on both sides and serve.

### Potato Filling

2 c. mashed potatoes  
1 egg yolk  
¼ tsp. white pepper  
4 oz. Velveeta cheese

Mix all ingredients until it becomes an ice cream consistency.

### Cabbage Filling

Medium head of cabbage  
1 Tbsp. salt  
1 medium onion, chopped

4 oz. margarine

Shred cabbage finely. Pour salt over cabbage and let stand for 15 minutes. Sauté onion in margarine. Squeeze the juice from the cabbage. Add cabbage to onion. Cook slowly until cabbage is lightly browned.



## Rev. Dianiska District Cancels Christmas Party

The Reverend Dianiska District Christmas party previously scheduled for December 6, 2020, unfortunately has been cancelled due to Genetti's not holding any events for the balance of the year. Please check upcoming issues of *Morning Star* for future District meetings and events.

## CAN YOU HELP US?

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

Kenneth Amreihn – Essexville, MI  
John Anthonson – Youngstown, OH  
James Badac – Vandergrift, PA  
Jeffrey Barto – San Jose, CA  
Liam Blankenship – Raleigh, NC  
Keri L. Cavenas – Mahanoy City, PA  
Thomas Costello, Jr. – Allentown, PA  
Robert J. Domanic – Joliet, IL  
Jessica Ervin – Milnesville, PA  
Cynthia Fuss – Plymouth, PA  
Mark Giacobbe – Coplay, PA  
Raeleen Golby – Johnstown, PA  
Michael Hodge – N. Catasauqua, PA  
Karen Kadish – West Mifflin, PA  
Ann Marie Kinsey – Taylor, PA  
Casey Kopec – Orlando, FL  
Deborah Lowrie – Dalton, PA  
Russell Mackiewicz – Riverside, CA  
Karen Markel – Whitehall, PA  
Gary McKenzie – Hazleton, PA  
Robert McTague – Scranton, PA  
Richard Miller – Luta, FL  
Justin Moskal – St. Charles, IL  
Richard Petak – Johnstown, PA  
Paula Rager – Edgewater, FL  
John M. Rebarchak – Exton, PA  
Scott Roth – Harborcreek, PA  
Gaile Rudaitis – Hot Springs National Park, AR  
Judy Stinavage – Binghamton, NY  
Kelly Stumpf – Blandon, PA  
Mary Suchy – Chicago, IL  
James Susoreny – Richardson, TX  
Cathy Talianek – Allentown, PA  
Daniel Vizza – Chicago, IL  
Gregory Votral – Springfield, MA  
Susan Vrabel – Orlando, FL  
Sarah Weinreich – Shenandoah, PA  
Kimberly Whitaker – Emmaus, 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 [lpsc@lpsc.org](mailto:lpsc@lpsc.org). Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## Matthew Nicolai Earns Environmental Science Degree

Matthew J. Nicolai, a member of Branch 109, Hammond, Indiana, graduated with honors in May 2020 from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, earning a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science-Conservation Track with a minor in Biological Science. For the past three summers, Matthew has worked in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with Teton County Invasive Species Management. In 2019, Matthew received the Wyoming Weed and Pest District's Employee Recognition Award.

Matthew is a 5th generation LPSCU member along with his sisters, Allison and Emily. His mother, Lisa Nicolai, and grandmother, Patricia Stearney, are also members.



**Matthew Nicolai, recent University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee graduate.**



**Matthew's diploma**



**Matthew works on the banks of the Snake River in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.**



# Adelynn Powell Receives First Holy Communion

On Sunday, July 19, 2020, Adelynn Powell, a member of Pittsburgh District Branch 42, made her First Holy Communion at St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Center Township, Pennsylvania. The special day had been postponed from May due to the coronavirus pandemic, but ended up being held on a beautiful, sunny summer day.

While the day was a lot different due to the restrictions put in place due to Covid-19, it was a beautiful one nonetheless. The First Communion class was split into two groups and they celebrated a week apart. Guests in the church were limited to five for each communicant and adhered to social distancing guidelines and mask wearing. The Mass was videotaped so that everyone who was not permitted to attend in person could still share in the special day.

A small family gathering was held afterwards where four generations gathered to help Adelynn celebrate receiving the Body of Christ for the first time.

Adelynn is the daughter of Joshua and Diana Powell, the granddaughter of Donna Powell, and great-granddaughter of Margaret Joschak. Donna and Margaret are also members of LPSCU Branch 42.

## In Memoriam

### Sister Cynthia Marie Gazdo, SS.C.M.

Patricia Anna Gazdo, 78, went home to God on April 3, 2020. She was born and raised in Pennsylvania. After graduation from St. Cyril Academy, Patricia entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, in September 1961, was received as a novice the following year and thereafter was known to all as Sister Cynthia Marie.



Sister Cynthia Marie performed general duties at St. Methodius Convent, Maria Joseph Manor, and Maria Hall, all located in Danville, and at Villa St. Cyril, Highland Park, Illinois. Long before the days of technological communication, Sister Cynthia Marie was the person who knew everything: what was in every closet, where to look for something that had gone missing, who could help with any difficulty, where anyone was at any given time of the day. She was the “go to” person at St. Methodius Convent, the Motherhouse. Later in life, she engaged in the Ministry of Prayer and Hospitality at Maria Hall and later Emmanuel Center.

At Emmanuel Center, Sister Cynthia Marie would often be seen right by the nurses’ desk where she welcomed anyone passing by with a kind word and a smile. Her friends were loyal and faithful, the loving kind of people who are attracted to that same kind of faithfulness which they found in her.



**Adey Powell is surrounded by her family, clockwise from lower left: brother Garrett, dad Joshua, and mom Diana.**



**Four generations celebrate Adey's First Communion – L-R: Great-grandmother Margaret Joschak, dad Joshua Powell, Adey, and grandmother Donna Powell.**

## BOOK BUY PROGRAM

In addition to any Educational Award(s) a member may receive, the LPSCU's Book Buy Program assists members attending college by reimbursing 15% of college book expenses. To qualify, the member needs to purchase a new 20 Payment Life or Whole Life certificate during the student's freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of college. The Book Buy Program application can be submitted *each* school year, for a maximum of four years, along with the receipt for the books purchased. The member would then receive a 15% refund based on books purchased and limited to the amount paid for the annual premium on the 20 Payment Life or Whole Life certificate purchased.





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- No medical questions will be asked.
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- This is a limited time offer!

**GUARANTEED ISSUE**

**for all members age 25-43**

Dear Ms. Savidge:

Thank you for the easy money! It was a very nice surprise during these odd times.

**Michael DeFazio\***

Branch 38  
Whitehall, PA

*\*Easy Money winner randomly selected this past quarter.*

Dear Members of the LPSCU,

This organization has given me and continues to give me so much throughout the years and I cannot thank you all enough. It is people like all of you that make it possible for people like me to reach for the stars. For that, I thank you for always supporting me along the way.

Nothing but gratitude,

**Gabby Kupsho**

Branch 60  
West Hazleton, PA

Dear LPSCU,

I want to sincerely thank you all for giving me this generous [Margaret Sabol Scholarship] award. I will always be grateful for this organization and all the opportunities it has given me. You guys are the best and I hope to keep making you proud.

Nothing but gratitude,

**Gabby Kupsho**

Branch 60  
West Hazleton, PA

Ms. Mary Jo Savidge  
National Secretary/Treasurer  
Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union  
71 South Washington Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

Štúrovo, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Ms. Savidge,

I received your address from Fr. Pavol Zvara, director of Slovak Pontifical College and Institute of SS. Cyril and Metod in Rome. I would like to thank you for financial support for my licentiate studies, which I completed this academic year 2019/2020. I really appreciate your generous aid, which makes the postgraduate studies of Slovak priests possible.

I am a priest of diocese of Nitra since 2014. I completed my theological studies in Nitra. During the studies I had been interested in the Biblical studies. Also, my graduation thesis was "The names of God in the Holy Scripture," for which I received the award of the chancellor of the University. I wanted to continue with the postgraduate studies in the Biblical theology.

After three years of service in the diocese, my bishop, the Rt. Rev. Viliam Judák, asked me to make the postgraduate studies of Biblical theology in Rome. I chose the Pontifical Gregorian University, because many of my professors in Nitra had been studying there. The Department of Biblical Theology is connected with the Pontifical Biblical Institute as well, which is a great benefit: it is possible to share the library and

to cooperate with professors. During my studies I lived in the Slovak Pontifical College in Rome.

The studies were difficult, but I really enjoyed it. I met many excellent professors and I learned useful methods and knowledges in the field of Biblical studies, as Biblical languages, exegesis and theology. I did a course of the Biblical archaeology in Israel as well.

I concluded my 3-years course of licentiate with the thesis "Textual and interpretative problem of the term 'Azazel' in Leviticus 16" with the direction of Prof. Vasile Babota. I took the final exam the 25th June through video conference, because of situation with Covid-19.

Besides my studies during the academic year in Rome, I was working in the Slovak Catholic Mission in London during the two summer holidays. It was an inestimable experience for me as well.

Presently I am a chaplain in the parish of Štúrovo, Slovakia. I would like to continue my studies here, in Slovakia, with a doctorate in Biblical theology. I hope that I will be useful in the education of the future priests in Slovakia.

I would like to thank you again for your aid. I have offered a Holy Mass for my benefactors regularly, as well as my prayers. God bless your meritorious activity. My studies would not have been possible without it.

Yours sincerely,

**Miroslav Host'ovecký**

Kopaničky 7  
95193 Topolčianky, Slovakia

## Celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary?

If you are celebrating either your 50th or 25th 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 [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) or mail to LPSCU, 71 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Please include a phone number in case we have any questions.

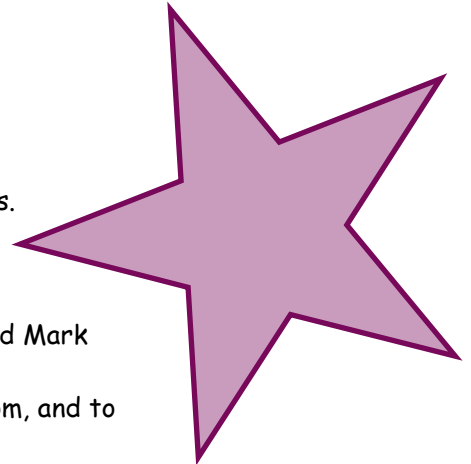




# Junior Branch Journal

Meet the November JBJ Star

**Juliet Jedlovec**



- ★ She is 5 years old and lives in Schnecksville, PA
- ★ Cinderella is the best Disney character because she wears the best dress.
- ★ Her favorite vacation destination is Alabama with Nana and Papi.
- ★ Her superpower would be "rainbow power" to send a rainbow every day.
- ★ Her favorite book is "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight" by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague because the dinosaur has lipstick on at the end.
- ★ If a genie gave her 3 wishes, she would wish for a pet unicorn, to be a mom, and to drink as much juice as she wants without her parents stopping her.

## Feast of Saint Andrew November 30

The first major feast of the Advent calendar is that of St. Andrew the Apostle. St. Andrew is the patron saint of married men and for this reason girls with matrimonial aspirations turn to him with prayers that he might grant them at least some slight indication as to who will be their future mate.

On the eve of this feast, young girls try to learn their future by cooking dumplings which contain the names of various young men of their acquaintance inside. The first to rise to the surface of the water indicates the name of their future mate.

Others pour molten lead through a keyhole into a basin filled with water and observe the form it takes as it cools. If it resembles a flower, the suitor will be a gardener; if it looks like an animal, he will be a butcher; a sword, a soldier; and so on.



## Thanksgiving Prayer



O Gracious God,  
we give thanks for  
your overflowing  
generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings  
of the food we eat and especially  
for this feast today.

Thank you for our home,  
family and friends, especially  
for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health,  
our work and our play.

Please send help to those who are hungry,  
alone, sick, and suffering  
war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love. We  
ask your blessing through Christ  
your son. Amen.

- by Mary Cronk Farrell

Hey Kids ~  
Watch your mailboxes for  
a special invitation to  
participate in the LPSCU  
Christmas Coloring  
Contest! Everyone's a win-  
ner (from first place to honorable mention), so  
send in your entries by December 31, 2020, to  
claim your prize!







# Junior Branch Journal

## Sv. Mikuláš ~ St. Nicholas



In the 6th century, the church set December 6 as St. Nicholas's Day. Nicholas was a bishop in Asia Minor in the 4th century. Because of his extraordinary self-sacrifice and sense of justice, he was well loved and very popular with the people.

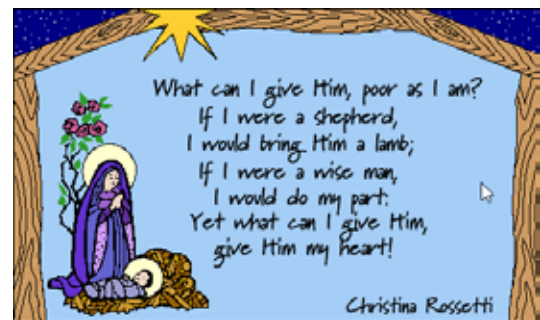
There are far more legends about his miraculous good deeds than there are clear details about his life. Nicholas was quite young when his parents died of the plague leaving him as the sole heir of their vast possessions. He was determined to devote his life, using his inheritance for works of charity.

Devotion to St. Nicholas is found in every European country. He became known for his holiness, enthusiasm, and 21 miracles. He is the patron saint of scholars, bankers, sailors, brewers, brides, and robbers among others. Because of his love and charity of the poor as well as the many legends of his good works, St. Nicholas is best known as the patron saint of Children.

In Slovakia, Sv. Mikuláš travels on foot the evening before his feast day and is accompanied by an ugly chain-rattling devil and an angel. The angel and devil symbolize the dual forces in a man's nature. Sv. Mikuláš reminds the children that Christmas is a few short weeks away and they must behave themselves or the baby Jesus will not bring them presents on Christmas Eve. In the morning, good little children find their boots or shoes which were placed on the window sill the night before filled with candies, cookies, oranges, apples, nuts or other dried fruits. The naughty children will find a lump or two of coal or a potato left by the devil. As we honor the memory of this 4th century Bishop, let us remember he is known for his charity and generosity.

## Vianoce ~ Christmas

For two millennia, people around the world have been observing Christmas with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christmas gifts are good things. They can help us practice generosity, thoughtfulness, as well as remind us of the gift of God's only son, Jesus Christ. To mark the occasion of Jesus' birth, three Wise Men followed a star to bring gifts fit for a King. Today we exchange gifts with each other, but what about the birthday boy? What gifts do we give to Jesus?



## Meet the December JBJ Star Cara Zelman

- ★ She is 8 years old and lives in Woodbridge, VA
- ★ If she had a superpower, it would be the power to control weather. She wants this superpower so that she can make it rainy or sunny, or have rainbows.
- ★ When she grows up she wants to be a scientist. She also wants to win the Nobel Prize in chemistry.
- ★ She would rather live 100 years ago because she would not be able to figure out all the technology 100 years from now.
- ★ Her favorite colors are cyan and lavender.
- ★ If she swapped roles with her parents, she would make sure her parents got a day off and make their favorite meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. She would also make sure she swapped on the weekend, so she didn't have to worry about getting everyone to school.



## PERIODICAL

A Matching Fund Project

### *LPSCU Branch 213 Christmas Fundraiser*

*All proceeds benefit St. Andrew's Parish  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*



- ❖ 24" Wreath - Douglas Fir with Boxwood Accents .... \$13.00
- ❖ Stand ..... \$ 4.00

*With Choice of Bow:*

Red Velvet ❖ Burgundy Velvet ❖ Red & Green Plaid  
Fundraiser is being held in conjunction with  
Decker Florist, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

*Two Pick-up Dates:*

- ❖ December 6th -  
St. Andrew's Parish in Wilkes-Barre (10-11 a.m.)
- ❖ December 7th -  
LPSCU Home Office in Wilkes-Barre

Delivery of items can be arranged  
with LPSCU Branch 213 Secretary/Treasurer.

Anyone interested in ordering should contact  
Branch 213 Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski  
at 570-829-5410 or 570-817-4657 (call or text).

*Payment must accompany order.*

*Still Available!*

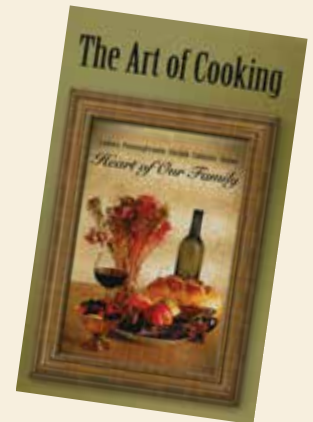
### **The LPSCU Cookbook**

*The Art of Cooking - Heart of Our Family*

Our brand new cookbook is chockfull of over 400 cherished family recipes submitted by our members, in addition to helpful tips, hints, and measurements to aid you while cooking and baking these delicious favorites.

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- *Miscellaneous - Crock-Pot*
- *Ethnic Foods*
- *Vegetables*
- *Desserts*



The cost is just \$10.00, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling per copy. Send your check and order information to:

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