



## THE LPSCU ANNOUNCES OUR 2018 College Scholarship Recipients

1 **ANDREW ADAM**  
*Mechanicsburg, PA*  
Branch 60 | Hazleton, PA  
University of Pittsburgh or Gettysburg College



2 **MALCOLM ALEXANDER BOWMAN**  
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Penn State University

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Branch 6 | Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Temple University



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Gettysburg College

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*Drums, PA*  
Branch 60 | Hazleton, PA  
Drexel, Duquesne, Penn State or Northeastern

6 **VERONICA MARTONIK**  
*Conyngham, PA*  
Branch 1 | Hazleton, PA  
Elizabethtown College



7 **KLARISSA RINKER**  
*Wanamie, PA*  
Branch 213 | Dallas, PA  
Wilkes University



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# Calendar of Events

## JULY

- 1** – Deadline to apply for the 2018 Anne (Shinal) Cichy Memorial Award.
- 4** – Home Office closed for Independence Day.
- 7** – LPSCU Branch 60 is holding a Summer Picnic at the home of Anita Gregory, 304 Turkey Path Road, Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- 10-24** – Youngstown Sister Cities 20th Heritage Tour of Slovakia.
- 14** – Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius Annual Summer Festival in Danville, Pennsylvania, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Details on page 3.*
- 18** – FSNEPA Educational Seminar with speakers from the Department of Aging and Social Security Administration at Perkins Restaurant, Route 315, Pittston, Pennsylvania, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. *See page 17 for more information.*
- 19** – Slovak Day at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. *Details on page 14.*
- 20** – **Deadline to submit articles for September/October *Zornicka*.**
- 22** – Pittsburgh District's Annual Meeting/Picnic at Beech Grove, White Oak Park, White Oak, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. RSVP your Branch Secretary.

## AUGUST

- 4** – Branch 39 is sponsoring an "Evening at the Ballpark" for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders game at PNC Field, Moosic, Pennsylvania. The game begins at 6:35 p.m. Reservations are required. *See page 13 for details.*
- 5** – LPSCU Branch 60 is hosting a Mass at 9:45 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, immediately followed by a breakfast buffet at Genetti's Premier Catering, Route 309, Hazleton. Any LPSCU member planning to attend should call Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by July 30.
- 13-26** – Consular Tour of Slovakia and Its Neighbors lead by Slovak Honorary Consul Joe Senko and his wife, Albina. Contact Joe at [jtsenko@aol.com](mailto:jtsenko@aol.com) or call 412-956-6000 for more information.
- 15** – Deadline to apply for our new Lynda (Posivak) Mohlenhoff Memorial Award. *See page 6 for details.*
- 27** – Meeting of the Msgr. Beeda District at Perkins Restaurant, Route 93, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania.
- 31** – Deadline to apply for a 2018 LPSCU Religious Award. *See page 5 for details.*

## SEPTEMBER

- 2** – The Msgr. Beeda District is hosting a Mass at 9:45 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, immediately followed by a breakfast buffet at Genetti's Premier Catering, Route 309, Hazleton. Any LPSCU member planning to attend should call Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by August 28.
- 3** – Home Office closed for Labor Day.
- 5-7** – American Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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## A Message from Our National Spiritual Advisor

### VACATION PLANNING

Summer is here and our thoughts turn to well needed vacations. While traveling, we might be concerned about finding a church for Sunday Mass. As Catholics, it is our responsibility to attend Mass as a part of our Sunday obligation. So, where do I find a Catholic parish near where I am vacationing? The best resource is [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org). This website provides church locations, Mass times, contact information, maps, and website links. With the help of this resource, you can easily find a Mass that fits your travel plans. While vacationing, you also get the opportunity to visit other Catholic parishes and experience the beauty of the universality of the Church. Have a wonderful summer!



Rev. Robert L. Seeman

### A Prayer for Travelers

*“God, you have given us feet to move, and a mind to imagine new things and places and people. You have made us to travel and explore your wonderful world. Thank you for this gift. Still, this world over which we move is wrought with dangers and threats. When we travel, we are vulnerable. Please protect our steps. Protect us on the road, and in the air. Send an angel of protection to accompany us. Shield us from evil and the Evil One who would use this opportunity to bring destruction. Bring us safely there and back home again. And while we’re gone, protect those we leave behind. Keep the peace and secure the boundaries of our home. Assign an angel of protection to stand guard over our property and our loved ones, our children, and our friends and family. Keep us healthy and guard us from sickness, injury, accident, and violence. Give wisdom to those flying the airplane and driving the vehicles, and keep the machinery working properly. Moderate the weather on our travels. And even now, begin to prepare us and the places we will visit, so that we can meet you there. In fact, Lord, come with us. Join us on this journey and be our companion and guide and protector and provider.”*

Blessings,  
Father Bob

## Pittsburgh District Picnic Notice

The Pittsburgh District is holding its Annual Meeting/Picnic on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at Beech Grove (same one as before), White Oak Park, White Oak, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP your Branch Secretary if you plan to attend.

## LPSCU Board of Directors To Hold Semi-Annual Meeting

This announcement is made to all members of the LPSCU that the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will convene on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites, Beachwood, Ohio. All subsequent sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until all Semi-Annual Meeting 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 PO Box 32, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703. **All correspondence relative to this Semi-Annual Meeting should be received no later than August 22, 2018.**

## SS.C.M. Sisters to Hold Annual Summer Festival

The 45th annual Summer Festival, sponsored by the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until 5:00 p.m.

The festival will feature a large flea market, a silent auction, home-made baked goods, handcrafted items, a book store, Sisters’ artwork, and Religious articles. There will be a variety of ethnic foods such as holupky, halusky, and potato pancakes, as well as hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, and much more. There will be a variety of games for children and adults plus special attractions like raffles and bingo.

The Summer Festival has been a blessed opportunity for the Sisters to keep in touch with former students, their parents, and family members, to reconnect with friends they’ve made over the years, and to make new friends. The day never seems long enough for visiting with friends old and new.

Bus parking is available. The Festival will take place rain or shine, and will close with a Mass at 5:00 p.m. Tours of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius and of Jankola Library will also be available.

For more information, please call Sister Barbara Sable at 570-275-3581, ext. 302.





### LEHIGH VALLEY OKRES

A meeting of the Lehigh Valley Okres was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Clubhouse in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m. with nine members attending. Okres President Jean Kosalko opened the meeting with a prayer for living and deceased members of the Okres. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Okres Secretary Bernadine Kurzeja and approved. Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri presented the Financial Report which was approved for audit.

Under old business, members discussed the success of last year's Holiday Luncheon. The recent Join Hands Day event, which was a clothing drive for the Cancer Boutique, was also discussed. President Kosalko asked for members to suggest what we should do to increase our membership, especially with members in the Allentown area. It was suggested that Okres officers make personal contact with Allentown Branch members to invite them to participate in Okres meetings and social events.

The Okres Holiday Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Bethlehem. Plans for the Holiday Luncheon will be finalized at our next meeting to be held in September. The Okres will hold a holiday raffle fundraiser at the Holiday Luncheon. A Matching Fund Raffle for themed gift baskets will also be held at the Holiday Luncheon for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

President Kosalko announced that Frank and Peggy Posivak of LPSCU Branch 83 in Bethlehem donated scholarship funds to the LPSCU for the establishment of an annual \$500 award in memory of their daughter, Lynda Posivak Mohlenhoff. Members decided that the Posivaks will be invited as special guests to our Holiday Luncheon.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed with a prayer offered by President Kosalko.

## Msgr. Beeda District to Hold Mass and Breakfast

A Mass and Breakfast will be held for members of the Msgr. Beeda District on Sunday, September 2, 2018. The Mass will be held at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, at 9:45 a.m. Immediately following the service, a breakfast buffet will be held at Genetti's Premier Catering, Rt. 309, Hazleton.

The cost will be \$7.00 per person. Anyone planning to attend should contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by August 28 to make a reservation. Personal care items and crossword puzzle and search-a-word books will be collected for the Patrician assisted living facility in Hazleton.

## Branch 60 to Hold Picnic

A summer picnic will be held at the home of Anita Gregory, LPSCU Branch 60 secretary-treasurer, on Saturday, July 7, 2018, starting at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a day of fun, food, and games, ending the night with fireworks.

## Branches 90 and 213 Donate to SCF's 2018 SS.C.M. Appeal

LPSCU Branch 90 of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Branch 213 of Dallas, Pennsylvania, recently donated to the Slovak Catholic Federation's 2018 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Branch 90 will submit a Matching Funds request for its donation to the Appeal. Branch 90 Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski presented the donation check at the SCF's Spring Meeting held in late April.



**LPSCU President and Branch 90 Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Kluchinski (far right) presents a donation from Branches 90 and 213 to the SCF's 2018 Annual Appeal. From left are SCF Secretary-Treasurer and LPSCU Trustee Dolores Evanko, SCF President Rev. Andrew Hvozdic, SCF and LPSCU Protector Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B., SCF First Vice President and Appeal Coordinator Rev. Thomas Nasta, LPSCU Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert Seeman, and LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.**

## Cooking Corner

### MARY PRYOR'S FAMOUS PANCAKES

For pancake mix:

- |  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 2 cups flour                             | 2 Tbsp. sugar |
| 2 tsp. baking powder                     | 2 eggs        |
| ¼ tsp. salt                              | 2 cups milk   |
| 2 Tbsp. melted margarine (add to batter) |               |

Mix all ingredients together to incorporate. Do not overmix. Heat griddle or pan to medium. Pour desired amount of batter onto griddle or into pan. Flip when batter bubbles. Brown on other side and remove from griddle. Keep warm if making several batches.

Add topping(s) of choice and enjoy!

*This recipe has been handed down through several generations and is still enjoyed by Mary's children and grandchildren today!*



# LPSCU 2018 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 2018 awards must be postmarked by August 31, 2018.**

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: [lpescu@lpescu.org](mailto:lpescu@lpescu.org) ❖ Website: [www.lpescu.org](http://www.lpescu.org)

## LVO Members Join Hands to Fight Cancer

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, members of the Lehigh Valley Okres partnered with the Cancer Boutique of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to “fight cancer with style” in a clothing drive project held in conjunction with National Join Hands Day.

In the weeks leading up to Join Hands Day, Okres members collected clean, gently used clothing from their families, friends, and neighbors. At 11:30 a.m. on May 5th, Okres officers and members delivered the clothing to the Cancer Boutique located at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick’s Mill Road. The clothing went on sale to the public from May 29 through June 2, 2018. All proceeds from the sale were donated to St. Luke’s Cancer Center, Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, and St. Luke’s Hospice of Bethlehem.



**Okres members who delivered clothing on Join Hands Day are, seated left to right, Okres President Jean Kosalko and Okres Treasurer Margaret A. Ferri, and standing, from left, Mari Ann and Anna Sopko, Helen Bobeck, and John Ferri.**

### *Our Scholarship Recipients Explain*

## The Importance of Life Insurance

Life insurance is there for when your loved ones can’t be. Losing a loved one is a very painful and difficult situation. Having life insurance can ease the stress, hardship, and expenses.

Life insurance can help with a loss, whether it is used to pay for some funeral costs and ease the mind about taking days off work to cope, or to help with bills and expenses after the loss of an income.

When someone dies, there are so many worries and things to be done that the financial reassurance given by life insurance alleviates some stress.

Life insurance is important because it protects against some misfortunes of losing a loved one.

**Alison Snead**  
Branch 64  
Pittsburgh, PA



## Reverend Dianiska District Celebrates 75th Anniversary

At their April 15, 2018, meeting, members of the Reverend Dianiska District celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the District with a luncheon, cake, and special gifts. Seventeen members and three junior members attended the function.

### History of the District

The Reverend Dianiska District was founded in 1943 by Gabrielle Vavrek, national president of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union from 1931-1956. Mrs. Vavrek was a member of Saint Stephen's Roman Catholic Church in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and named the District after her pastor, Reverend Doctor Alexander Dianiska. Reverend Doctor Dianiska was born in Austria-Hungary on March 21, 1867, and immigrated in the United States in 1903. He was a very prominent Slovak priest who aided men and women financially to achieve an education. He was also one of the co-workers who helped to establish the congregation the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania.

The Reverend Dianiska District of the LPSCU is very proud of its Slovak heritage and grateful of the efforts of Mrs. Vavrek and Reverend Doctor Dianiska in forming our District.

**Susan Worth**  
District Secretary



**District members at the celebration are: Gavin Jollimore (front); First row, from left: Louise Hvozdovic, Margaret Jollimore, Kay Haddock, Mary Ann Ewasko, and Eleanor Kluchinski; Second row, from left: Ann Dougher, Magdaline Iskra, Debbie Adamchak, Lorraine Harmonas, Martha Iskra, Patricia Weiksner, Janet Marley, Bernie Walchek, Theresa Kluchinski, Betsy Craig, Marissa Jason, Diane Jason, Abigail Worth, and Susan Worth.**

## LYNDA (POSIVAK) MOHLENHOFF MEMORIAL AWARD

This newest LPSCU Scholarship 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. For an application, please call the LPSCU Home Office at (toll free) 888-834-6614 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).

# New Insurance Issued

Branch	Branch Representative	March/April 2018	Year-to-Date Total
19*	Deborah Adamchak	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
40	Maureen Grohowski	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
213	Mary Jo Savidge	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
214*	Judith Rinker	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
		\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00

\*Sold through Home Office, not included in Campaign

## Sister Participates in Vocation Awareness Day

Sister Thomas More Dzurnak, SS.C.M. was one of six sisters and six priests who recently served as speakers at a Vocation Awareness Day at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. The day began with a whole-school Liturgy. Afterwards, each speaker, guided by an escort, rotated through three classrooms.

Sister Thomas More was assigned kindergarten, first grade, and third grade, and was asked questions such as, "How did you know you were called?" "How did you get started in religious life?" and "What do you do now?"

Thanks to at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School for sponsoring this event and to Sister Thomas More for responding to the invitation. Sunday, April 22, was World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



## Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union

### 1st Quarter Report

Assets	1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2017
Investments.....	\$ 15,897,334.00	\$ 15,668,165.00
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ -	\$ -
Cash on Deposit.....	\$ 93,289.00	\$ 262,148.00
Mortgage Loans.....	\$ -	\$ -
Real Estate Owned.....	\$ 120,836.00	\$ 124,664.00
Other Assets.....	\$ 50,815.00	\$ 37,851.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 16,162,274.00	\$ 16,092,828.00
Liabilities & Fund Balance	1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2017
Fund Balance.....	\$ 4,036,306.00	\$ 3,916,477.00
Interest Maintenance Reserve.....	\$ 81,454.00	\$ 100,990.00
Amt. Retained as Trustee.....	\$ 132,469.00	\$ 147,710.00
Aggregate Reserve-Life Certificates.....	\$ 11,314,318.00	\$ 11,295,523.00
Other Liabilities.....	\$ 597,727.00	\$ 632,128.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 16,162,274.00	\$ 16,092,828.00
Revenues	1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2017
Premium Income.....	\$ 43,150.00	\$ 45,249.00
Investment Income.....	\$ 192,323.00	\$ 186,258.00
Income - Other.....	\$ 8,796.00	\$ 9,522.00
<b>Totals</b> .....	\$ 244,269.00	\$ 241,029.00
Expenses	1st Quarter 2018	1st Quarter 2017
Death Claims.....	\$ 69,622.00	\$ 51,629.00
Endowments.....	\$ 14,230.00	\$ 7,010.00
Cash Surrenders.....	\$ 9,510.00	\$ 25,778.00
Annuity Benefits.....	\$ -	\$ -
Dividends.....	\$ -	\$ -
Increase in Aggregate Reserves.....	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Commissions (new and renewals).....	\$ 77.00	\$ 1,093.00
General Operating Expenses.....	\$ 56,914.75	\$ 65,240.26
Officers and Committee Expenses.....	\$ 5,002.88	\$ 1,317.74
Actuarial/Accounting Expense.....	\$ 44,525.00	\$ 36,025.00
Investment Mgt. Fee.....	\$ 6,165.90	\$ 6,023.89
Official Publications.....	\$ 15,925.63	\$ 15,681.78
Travel Expense.....	\$ 936.08	\$ 485.38
Bureau and Association Dues.....	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,300.00
Donations.....	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 2,195.00
Scholarships.....	\$ (693.00)	\$ -
Fraternal Activities.....	\$ 3,832.76	\$ 2,391.95
Insurance Taxes, Licenses & Fees.....	\$ 10,390.00	\$ 10,831.00
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	\$ 262,309.00	\$ 261,002.00
Net Gain/Loss From Operations.....	\$ (18,040.00)	\$ (19,973.00)
Net Realized Capital Gain (Loss).....	\$ (538.00)	\$ 1,895.00
<b>Total</b> .....	\$ (18,578.00)	\$ (18,078.00)

## Letters

Dear Theresa Kluchinski,

I am writing to formally thank you for the generous monetary award regarding my Family Life Insurance Essay. I am sure it will go to good use as I begin my long college journey of both undergraduate and then professional schooling.

Thank you for allowing me to follow my dreams.

Sincerely

**Gabriella Kupsho**

Branch 60, West Hazleton, PA



## SS.C.M. Appeal Update

We are pleased to announce the final report on our annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Annual Appeal for 2017.

Thanks to the generosity of our many contributors, we can proudly report that the final account of the 2017 Slovak Catholic Federation's SS.C.M. Annual Appeal is **\$36,553.39!**

Donations to the 2018 Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal continue to come in. As many of you know, the funds raised each year in this Appeal are sent to the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius, the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent to Rome by their bishops for graduate studies. After receiving their degrees, these priests return to their dioceses to work as seminary teachers, Tribunal officials, and in other ministries.

The Appeal relies upon the generosity of individual donors in addition to collections taken up in personal parishes of Slovak ancestry. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you to all who have already made their donation to the 40th Annual Appeal. If you have not already done so, please fill out your information in the box at the bottom of this article and mail it, along with your check, to the address listed. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. As of May 20, the 2018 Appeal has raised \$15,121. Again, thank you for your goodness and generosity to the Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. Donations received on and after December 1, 2018, will be credited toward the 2019 Appeal.

*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.*

### 2018 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

## Luke and Jude Schafer Are Confirmed

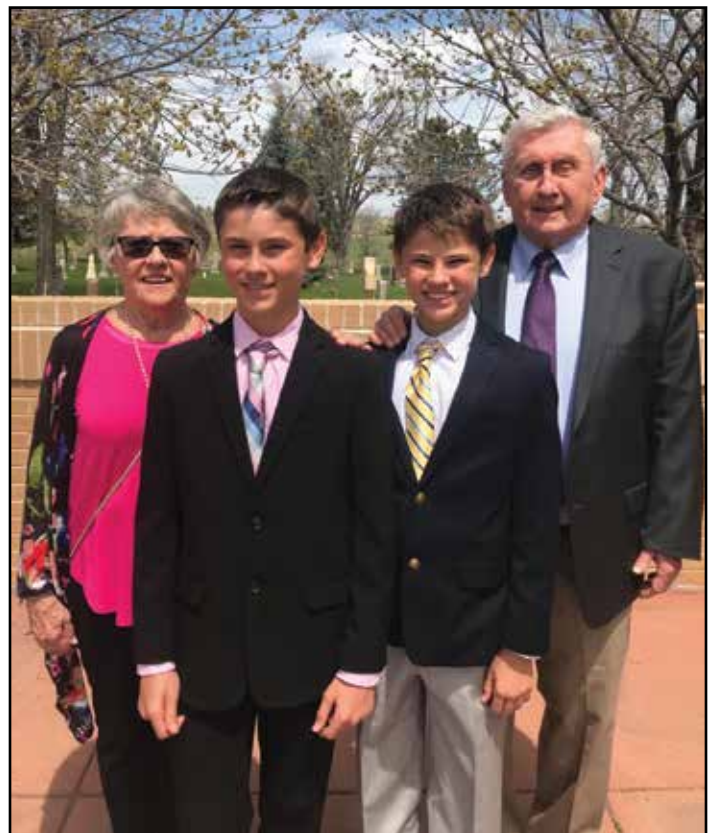
Luke Schafer, 14, and his brother Jude, 12, received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 29, 2018, at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Boulder, Colorado. Luke chose the confirmation name of Bernard after St. Bernard of Montjoux, patron of mountain climbers and skiers, because of his love of skiing in the Colorado Rockies. Jude chose the name of Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals and the natural environment, because of his love of animals and nature.

Luke's sponsor was his great uncle, John Tunney from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Helen Schafer from Tucson, Arizona, the boys' grandmother, was Jude's sponsor. Helen and John are the children of the late Rose Tunney, long-time Secretary of LPSCU Branch 172 in Pittsburgh.

The boys were confirmed by Very Rev. Michael Carvill, F.S.C.B., V.F., pastor of Nativity of Our Lord Church in Broomfield, Colorado. He is the Dean of the Boulder deanery and was representing Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Archbishop of Denver.

The boys' parents, David and Dr. Jacqueline Schafer, were in attendance, as well as the boys' grandparents, John Avazier (Tucson), Jack and Shirley Culig, and great aunt Louise Jakshe (Pueblo, Colorado). A dinner party was held at the Schafers' home following the ceremony.

Jude attends Summit Middle School. Luke graduated from Summit at the end of May and will be attending Boulder High School in the fall. The family are all members of LPSCU Branch 172.



**L-R: Helen Schafer, Jude Schafer, Luke Schafer, and John Tunney.**



## LPSCU 2018 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, 2017, to August 30, 2018. 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, 2017 and August 30, 2018.
- 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, 2018.** 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** – As of September 1, 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.

## Rev. Dianiska District Announces Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Reverend Dianiska District will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center, Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Branch 19 will host. More details will be provided later in the year.

JULY/AUGUST 2018

## LPSCU Donates Bound *Zornicka*, Preserving Our History

Hardbound copies of the LPSCU's official publication, *Zornicka*, have long been donated to libraries and/or museums, helping to preserve the treasured history of our organization. Original *Zornicka* issues are bound into a hard copy book every three years. Donations of the latest volume covering the past three years were recently made to the National Slovak Society's Heritage Museum and the Jankola Library and Slovak Museum.

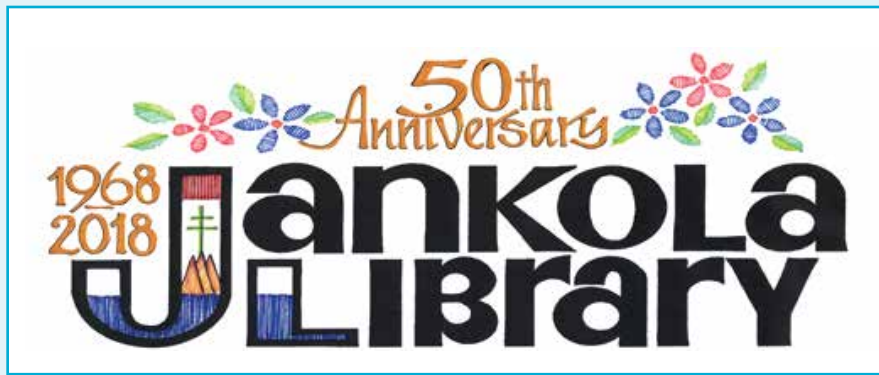
The NSS Heritage Museum is located at 351 Valley Brook Road, McMurray, Pennsylvania. Jankola Library and Slovak Museum is located at the Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, Pennsylvania, and is celebrating its 50 year anniversary in 2018.



**L-R: LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski, LPSCU Spiritual Director Reverend Robert Seeman, Jankola Library and Slovak Museum Director Sister M. Catherine Laboure Bresnock, SS.C.M., and LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.**



**L-R: NSS Sales Director Greg Felton, LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski, NSS President and CEO David G. Blazek, NSS Director and Museum Curator Susan M. Ondrejco, NSS Board Chairman Joseph Stefka, Jr., and NSS Secretary-Treasurer and CFO Linda Strom.**



The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania, claim a unique legacy that has been entrusted to them by their founder, Reverend Matthew Jankola (1872-1916), an immigrant priest from Slovakia who established the Religious Congregation of Sisters in 1909 with the purpose of promoting and preserving Slovak faith and culture. He distinguished himself as a promoter of Slovak intellectual and literary interests and inspired his American-Slovak Sisters to esteem and cherish all that relates to scholarship and multiculturalism.

On July 2, 1968, the congregation of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius established Jankola Library and Slovak Archives Center to promote the legacy of Father Jankola. The Library was named in his honor. The idea to establish a library began when the congregation received a collection of Slovak books that were valued as tools for learning and supplementary materials for teachers. As the public gradually learned that the Sisters were interested in acquiring Slovak-related materials, the collection increased in volume and worth.

#### **1968-1992**

Sister M. Martina Tybor, SS.C.M., an outstanding scholar, teacher, poet, translator, and author, was appointed the library's Director-Librarian in 1968. Her mission was to organize and catalogue all the valuable Slovak and English works that relate to Slovak and Slavic history, language, literature, fine arts, spirituality, and learning. It soon became apparent that there was a need for space to perform this task. In 1971 the closure of the Magnificat Chapel at the Motherhouse provided the needed space for Jankola Library.

Over the years, notable scholars from home and abroad contacted Jankola Library, which had become an internationally renowned research center. The services and cooperation of Jankola Library has been sought by scholars and students from at least 45 American universities and centers of learning as distant as Texas, California, and Hawaii, and as close by as Danville and Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Contacts have also been made by a number of foreign centers in Amsterdam, Lisbon, Padua, Rome, Munich, London, Ottawa, Bratislava, Victoria, and Toronto. In many cases, information sought by researchers could only be found at Jankola Library.

During her 24 years building and solidifying the legacy of Father Jankola, Sister Martina Tybor had laid a firm foundation for the Congregation's mission to promote and preserve the Slovak faith and culture. By 1991, Sister Martina's health began to decline and she retired from her post in 1992. She received medical care at Maria Hall in Danville until her death on August 12, 1998.

#### **1992-2007**

To advance the legacy of Father Jankola, Sister M. Mercedes Voytko, SS.C.M. accepted the appointment to be the new Director of Jankola Library from 1992 to 2007. She welcomed the opportunity to promulgate the preservation of the rich culture and history of the Slovak people. Her background in history and theology, as well as her ability to communicate in Slovak, were invaluable assets for taking on this responsibility.

Considering that numerous holdings of Jankola Library were still in storage, Sister Mercedes realized there was a critical need for space to integrate about 10,000 books and Slovak artifacts into the library's resources. Subsequently, in 2000 Saint Cyril Academy allocated several available rooms to Jankola Library for expanding and maintaining the library's contents. The original Saint Cyril Academy Library became the main room for Jankola Library's collection of literary, historical, and religious works in the Slovak language and the former Audio-Visual Aids Room was remade into a Periodical Room where valuable Slovak magazines, periodicals, newspapers, and archival material are available for research.

Once the space for expanding the facilities of Jankola Library became a reality, Sister Mercedes set about the gigantic task of organizing and categorizing books and artifacts for display. With the generous and dedicated assistance of Sister Mercedes' sister, Ms. Catherine Voytko, and the volunteers from the membership of the Northeast Pennsylvania Slovak Heritage Society of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Sister Mercedes achieved her major goal of relocating and transforming the new site for Jankola Library.

Since the original area which held Jankola Library had become vacant, there was space to accept a magnificent donation of many valuable Slovak items from the Slovak Museum at Jednota Estates in Middletown, Pennsylvania, which closed and relocated its contents to Villa Sacred Heart in Danville in 2002. The acquisition of many Slovak artifacts including glassware, ceramics, crystal, dolls, folk costumes on mannequins, paintings, woodcarving, and handiwork enabled Sister Mercedes to create a beautiful Slovak Museum that is a treasured component of Jankola Library.

For fifteen years, Sister Mercedes faithfully and assiduously expanded and enriched the belongings of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum. She was devoted to her Slovak heritage and performed her tasks with great love for her Slovak culture and traditions. In 2007, Sister Mercedes moved to Maria Hall in Danville to receive medical care until her passing on September 8, 2016.



## 2007-2010

Father Jankola's legacy to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius became the focus for SS.C.M. Sister M. John Vianney Vranak's ministry as the new Director of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum from 2007 to 2010. She wholeheartedly dedicated her time and energy to continue promoting the faith, culture, and traditions of Slovak heritage. Sister M. John Vianney perceived the need to make improvements to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum.

Generous contributions from the four Slovak Catholic fraternal societies – the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, and Slovak Catholic Sokol – as well as individual donors, bequests, and memorials, provided financial gifts to purchase the following:

*For Jankola Library* – Establishment of its website (<http://jankolalibrary.sscm.org>), two air conditioners, a large television, a computer center, custom SolarVue Toller window shades, wooden floor tiles, and archival boxes.

*For the Slovak Museum* – Carpeting, window drapes, custom SolarVue Toller window shades, and three wall mounted cooling and heating air conditioners.

## 2010-2018

In a spirit of gratitude and appreciation for Father Jankola's legacy, Sister M. Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. received the appointment to be the Director of Jankola Library and Slovak Museum and Sister Loretta Marie Hrubec, SS.C.M. accepted the position as Librarian for Jankola Library. Both Sisters have been missioned to this ministry from 2010 to 2018.

Legacy is about life and living. Life has been sustained at Jankola Library and Slovak Museum by many visitors who have come from the United States, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Italy, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Slovakia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe to tour and to engage in research for advanced studies.

There is a living Slovak tradition among families to share *oplatky* with each other during the Christmas Eve Supper. Since 2010, Jankola Library has been supplying hundreds of Christmas wafers each year to enable the continuation of this treasured custom.

The competent and willing service of the Sisters who were assigned to the ministry at Jankola Library has greatly contributed to Father Jankola's plan to preserve and promote Slovak faith, heritage, history, culture, and traditions. With God's help, the strong foundation for Jankola Library has endured for fifty blessed and successful years. Praise and thanks to God!

**REMEMBER TO SEND ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
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## LPSCU Attends 2018 Legislative Luncheon

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance held its annual Legislative Luncheon at the Capitol building in Harrisburg on April 17, 2018. Fraternal leaders and over 100 legislators attended the affair. The atmosphere was informal with lunch set up outside the Lt. Governor's Office on the second floor of the Capitol. This function allows fraternal representatives an opportunity to meet with legislators as they exit from their morning session.

During the luncheon, the PFA honored State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski with the Pennsylvania Keystone Legislative Award. Representative Pashinski represents the 121st Legislative District which consists of Wilkes-Barre City, Fairview Township, Wilkes-Barre Township, Ashley Borough, Hanover Township, and Laurel Run Borough.

LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge represented the society at the Legislative Luncheon and took the opportunity to speak with members of the House of Representatives and Senate.



**L-R: LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski, State Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme President Michael Horvath, and LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.**



**L-R: President Kluchinski, State Senator John Yudichak, and Secretary-Treasurer Savidge. Senator Yudichak represents the 14th Senatorial District in Carbon and Luzerne counties.**

# LPSCU 5 Payment Life Plan

The LPSCU has an economical and beneficial 5 Payment Life Insurance Plan for anyone from age 0 through 80. Under this plan, there is a minimum purchase of life insurance. For ages 0-70, the minimum purchase is \$5,000; for ages 71-80, the minimum purchase is \$2,000. Premiums are payable for five (5) years from issue date. If the insured dies within the 5-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 five (5) 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 5 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 5 Payment Life Plan is perfect for both youth and adults – especially anyone who prefers to have their life insurance paid within five years.

During these unstable economic times, the 5 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 5 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.

## 5 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	19.36	16.79	\$ 1.74	1.51
1	19.88	17.29	1.79	1.56
2	20.48	17.83	1.84	1.60
3	21.13	18.40	1.90	1.66
4	21.82	18.72	1.96	1.68
5	22.54	19.63	2.03	1.77
6	23.28	20.28	2.10	1.83
7	24.05	20.95	2.16	1.89
8	24.85	21.64	2.24	1.95
9	25.68	22.36	2.31	2.01
10	26.53	23.09	2.39	2.08
11	27.42	23.71	2.47	2.13
12	28.33	24.65	2.55	2.22
13	29.26	25.46	2.63	2.29
14	30.22	26.21	2.72	2.36
15	31.18	27.14	2.81	2.44
16	32.15	28.02	2.89	2.52
17	33.13	28.93	2.98	2.60
18	34.12	29.86	3.07	2.69
19	35.14	30.82	3.16	2.77
20	36.18	31.81	3.26	2.86
21	37.26	32.83	3.35	2.95
22	38.38	33.70	3.45	3.03
23	39.53	34.94	3.56	3.14
24	40.72	36.11	3.66	3.25
25	41.96	37.27	3.78	3.35
26	43.23	38.48	3.89	3.46
27	44.53	39.72	4.01	3.57
28	45.88	41.00	4.13	3.69
29	47.28	42.32	4.26	3.81
30	48.73	43.68	4.39	3.93
31	50.23	44.93	4.52	4.04
32	51.80	46.53	4.66	4.19
33	53.42	48.03	4.81	4.32
34	55.10	49.30	4.96	4.44
35	56.83	51.15	5.11	4.60
36	58.62	52.42	5.28	4.72
37	60.47	54.29	5.44	4.89
38	62.38	56.16	5.61	5.05
39	64.34	57.93	5.79	5.21
40	66.36	59.28	5.97	5.34

Issue Age	Annual		Monthly	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
41	68.44	61.15	6.16	5.50
42	70.58	63.59	6.35	5.72
43	72.78	65.52	6.55	5.90
44	75.02	67.39	6.75	6.07
45	77.32	69.26	6.96	6.23
46	79.66	71.76	7.17	6.46
47	82.05	73.63	7.38	6.63
48	84.50	76.13	7.61	6.85
49	87.04	78.00	7.83	7.02
50	89.66	80.50	8.07	7.25
51	92.37	82.99	8.31	7.47
52	95.15	85.49	8.56	7.69
53	98.01	87.98	8.82	7.92
54	100.94	90.48	9.08	8.14
55	103.92	92.98	9.35	8.37
56	106.94	95.47	9.62	8.59
57	110.01	97.97	9.90	8.82
58	113.16	101.09	10.18	9.10
59	116.41	103.58	10.48	9.32
60	119.70	106.70	10.77	9.60
61	122.85	109.20	11.06	9.83
62	126.00	112.32	11.34	10.11
63	129.78	115.44	11.68	10.39
64	132.93	118.56	11.96	10.67
65	136.71	121.06	12.30	10.90
66	139.86	124.80	12.59	11.23
67	143.64	127.92	12.93	11.51
68	146.79	131.04	13.21	11.79
69	150.57	134.16	13.55	12.07
70	154.35	137.90	13.89	12.41
71	158.13	141.02	14.23	12.69
72	162.54	144.77	14.63	13.03
73	166.32	148.51	14.97	13.37
74	170.73	152.26	15.37	13.70
75	175.14	156.00	15.76	14.04
76	179.55	159.74	16.16	14.38
77	184.59	163.49	16.61	14.71
78	189.00	167.86	17.01	15.11
79	194.67	172.22	17.52	15.50
80	199.71	176.59	17.97	15.89



## Branch 39 to Sponsor Evening at the Ballpark

LPSCU Branch 39 is sponsoring an evening at the Ballpark to see the New York Yankees Triple-A affiliate Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders on Friday, August 4. The Railriders will be playing the Buffalo Bisons at PNC Field in Moosic, Pennsylvania. The starting time for the game is 6:35 p.m. Promotions for this game include Game of Thrones Night and a Gleyber Torres Game of Thrones Bobblehead giveaway.

Branch 39 members can attend free of charge. The cost for members of other LPSCU Branches is \$7.00 and for non-members the cost is \$14.00.

A Matching Funds project will be held as part of the event. Everyone attending the game is asked to bring non-perishable food items or to make a monetary donation to benefit the Catholic Social Services food pantry.

Those planning to attend are asked to make advance arrangements with Branch Secretary Jim Yocum at 570-436-6792 or by email at [jpyocum@ptd.net](mailto:jpyocum@ptd.net) by July 7th.

## In Memoriam

*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

— Matthew v.5

Name	Branch	Location
Evelyn Ogrodnick	1	Hazleton, PA
Donna Swida	6	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ann V. Sabach*	7	Exeter, PA
Joseph Sleboda	7	Exeter, PA
Bernard Stofik*	7	Exeter, PA
Joseph Letoski	19	Swoyersville, PA
Peter Aleksa	32	Pana, IL
Ann Pollock	58	Ashley, PA
Michael Martin*	65	Munhall, PA
Kathleen LeDoux	90	Johnstown, PA
Martha Drost	124	Hazleton, PA
Anna Zimmerman	131	Reading, PA
Dorothy Schraider	132	Campbell, OH
Agnes Vigliotti*	132	Campbell, OH
Pranas Zaranka	167	Sterling Heights, MI
Barbara Booth	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joan B. Brooks	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Marcella Cook	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Loretta Kynas	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Gediminas Rajeckas	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Brian Zichwic	197	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Carmen Bellucci	216	Feasterville, PA

\*Multiple certificates

*In the May/June Zornicka, Joan Witinski of Branch 6, Wilkes-Barre, PA was incorrectly listed in the In Memoriam column. This was an error. Joan is alive and doing well. We apologize for any distress this may have caused Joan or her loved ones.*

## Pittsburgh District Members Join Hands at Little Sisters Home

Members of the Pittsburgh District celebrated “Join Hands Day” at the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home, North Side, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, May 3, 2018. It was a return engagement by request of the Sisters and the residents.

Two of our members who are sisters – Helen Lorinc and Mary Ann Kaylor, who volunteer at the Home – were a great help in setting up the afternoon festivities which included an ice cream social with homemade *roczki* (Slovak cookies made by Helen) and other treats. Helen and Sylvia Goda brought many mementos and pictures and some of the residents told stories about themselves and/or their ancestors. District members also brought all kinds of snacks and small items for the residents to take back to their rooms.

District members who participated were Dolores Sakal, Janet Lawrence, Sylvia Goda, Helen Lorince, and Mary Ann Kaylor. A good time was had by all.



**L-R: Sylvia Goda, Carol Carter (non-member volunteer), Dolores Sakal, Helen Lorinc, Mary Ann Kaylor, and Janet Lawrence.**



**L-R: Janet Lawrence, Dolores Sakal, and Sylvia Goda at the Little Sisters' Outdoor Grotto.**

## Join Us for Slovak Day at Kennywood Park

The 95th Annual Slovak Day will take place on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. It will be an exciting day for Americans of Slovak descent to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak folk dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. These combine to build a treasure chest of memories—many to be remembered and still more waiting to be created.

A highlight of Slovak Day is the concelebration of the Slovak Liturgy in the Main Pavilion #5 directly behind "Garfield's Revenge" at 4:00 p.m. The celebrants will be Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Johnstown-Altoona dioceses. Immediately following will be the vibrant repertoire of Slovak music, songs, and dances presented by the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble (PAS).

Tantalize your taste buds at the Slovak Kitchen where you will be able to enjoy *holubky* (stuffed cabbage), *haluski*

(sweet cabbage and noodles), *pirohy* and *kolbasy*. Your sweet tooth can be satisfied with the homemade favorite – *ceregi* and *paska*. Enjoy this delicious dinner or a la carte foods and relax amid the echoes of Slovakia, as the strolling musicians play all the Slovak favorites. Food will be served in Pavilion #4 behind the "Garfield's Revenge" ride from 12:30 p.m. until the food is sold out.

In Pavilion #3 you will be able to see a "Slovak Living Museum" prepared by the PAS Jr. and Maly ensembles. The exhibit will include Slovak heirlooms of folk treasures that show the incredible skill and artistry found in the Slovak villages.

In the Main Pavilion #5 there will be Slovak cultural displays provided by the Slovak fraternal. New this year is a Slovak Marketplace where you can shop for unique items from Slovakia and other Eastern European countries. Items include Christmas ornaments, embroidered aprons, Slovak cookbooks, and much more.

A special youth area will feature activities just for children. The children's program will include games and treats beginning at 12:30 p.m. by the Main Pavilion. Every child participating in these activities will receive a free treat.

From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., you can sit back and enjoy the music or kick up your heels dancing. Grab a partner and twirl to traditional Slovak music of the George Batyi Ensemble at the Kitchen Pavilion.

For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 19, Kennywood Park. The cost of tickets is \$25 for Fun Day General Admission and \$15 for those 55 years of age and over. An \$11 Super Senior ticket is available for those age 70+. Tickets are available by contacting Sue Ondrejco (412-421-1204) or Mary Lou Wagner (412-462-1957).

For general information about the 95th Slovak Day, contact Chairwoman Mary Lou Wagner at the number above.

## SS.C.M. Sisters Aid Water With Blessings

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Elysburg, Pennsylvania, partnered with the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius to provide clean drinking water to families in communities torn by war and natural disaster, in under-developed neighborhoods, in refugee camps, and in villages threatened by water contamination. Sister Jeanne Ambre, SS.C.M. serves as parish visitor, and Reverend Joseph Scanlin is pastor.

Working with the Water With Blessings program, the group crocheted more than 800 water filter socks, which fit over and protect water filter units. Mothers in developing countries are trained in the use of the filters, and that mother will generally provide clean water for her own family and at least three others.

The group also collected for the purchase of four of the water filter units. Thus, the work done by these volunteers at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish will help provide clean water to at least 3,200 families, protecting them from dysentery, intestinal parasites, and other water-borne illnesses.



**Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Most Holy Rosary Parish display the water filter socks they crocheted for the Water With Blessings program.**

## Rev. Dianiska District to Hold Matching Fund Event

Members of the Rev. Dianiska District will hold a Special Gifts Raffle at their Christmas party on December 2, 2018. The event will be held in conjunction with the LPSCU's Matching Fund program and will benefit Candy's Place.

Candy's Place is a cancer wellness and resource center providing support to cancer patients and their loved ones. Free services include support groups, consults, a lending library, workshops, and cancer resource materials. Candy's Place is located at 190 Welles Street, Suite 120, in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. For further information on Candy's Place, call 570-714-8800 or visit their website at <https://cancerwellnessnepa.org/>.

We are asking our District members (or any LPSCU member) to support our project by donating a gift or by attending the Christmas party. All donated gifts, valued at a minimum of \$10, will be raffled off at our Christmas party.

For further information, please contact Debbie Adamchak at 570-696-1663 or Jean Kapral at 570-287-1328.



In Memoriam

## Sister Janet Matlak, SS.C.M.

Sister Janet Matlak, SS.C.M., 90, died on May 12, 2018, at Emmanuel Center, Danville, Pennsylvania. Sister was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 1928, daughter of the late Vincent and Sophie (Zmuran) Matlak. She attended Immaculate Conception School in Whiting, Indiana, and graduated from Whiting High School. She entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on February 2, 1949, was received as a novice on August 11, 1949, and made her first profession of vows on August 9, 1951.

Sister Janet earned her B.A. from Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania, an M.A. in Secondary Education and Administration from Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, and did graduate studies at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. Sister Janet also studied Formative Spirituality at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sister Janet taught on the elementary level in parish schools in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1959, she joined two other Sisters at the inception of Andrean High School, a co-institutional school in the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. She spent 17 years at Andrean, serving as a guidance counselor, Theology teacher, and in the administrative positions of Assistant Principal for Girls and Associate Principal. In 1976, Sister Janet assumed an administrative post in the Diocese of Gary Catholic Schools System where she became Assistant Superintendent in charge of Supervision, Curriculum, and other related areas.

Upon her return to the Motherhouse in Danville, Sister taught at St. Cyril Academy for one year and performed clerical duties at St. Methodius Convent. She was then missioned to Villa St. Cyril, Highland Park, Illinois. From 1988-1992, Sister Janet served on the SS.C.M. Leadership Team. From 1992-2002 she was the Director of Admissions at Maria Joseph Manor and continued to minister there in various capacities until 2012. She then became a resident visitor until her retirement to Emmanuel Center.

Sister Janet is survived by two nieces and two nephews and their families.

Transferal and recitation of the Rosary took place on May 18 at Maria Hall in Danville followed by a Wake Service. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maria Hall by Maria Hall chaplain Reverend Gerard Heintzelman, with concelebrants Monsignor Robert Lawrence and Reverend John Cyriac. Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sister Janet can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821.



**Sister Janet Matlak,  
SS.C.M.**

## LPSCU Donates to SCF 2018 SS.C.M. Annual Appeal

The LPSCU Executive Finance Committee approved a \$500 donation to the Slovak Catholic Federation's 2018 SS. Cyril and Methodius Annual Appeal. Presentation of the donation took place at the SCF's Spring Meeting held in late April at the Villa Sacred Heart, Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Representing the LPSCU at the meeting were Spiritual Advisor Reverend Robert Seeman, President Theresa Kluchinski, and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Reverend Joseph Murgas, pastor of Sacred Heart Slovak Church in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, with the objective to serve as a unifying bond among Slovak Catholics, their parishes, fraternal societies, religious communities, and other institutions here in America. For more information on the Federation, visit its website at [www.slovakcatholicfederation.org](http://www.slovakcatholicfederation.org).

The annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Appeal aids the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy, the residence of priests from Slovakia who are sent there by their bishops to pursue graduate studies. A small portion of the funds collected are retained to cover administrative expenses. LPSCU Districts, Branches, and individual members can make a tax-deductible donation to the SCF for this annual SS.C.M. Appeal. Mail it to Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, Slovak Catholic Federation Appeal Coordinator, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 120 Jefferson Street, Swedesburg, PA 19405.



**Pictured at the LPSCU's donation presentation are, from left, SCF Secretary-Treasurer and LPSCU Trustee Dolores Evanko, SCF President Rev. Andrew HvozdoVIC, SCF and LPSCU Protector Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B., SCF First Vice President and Appeal Coordinator Rev. Thomas Nasta, LPSCU Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert Seeman, LPSCU Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge, and LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski.**

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# AFA Executive Summit Held in Arlington, Virginia

On April 23-25, 2018, LPSCU President Theresa Kluchinski and Secretary-Treasurer Mary Jo Savidge attended the American Fraternal Alliance's Executive Summit held in Arlington, Virginia, at the Hilton Crystal City. The meeting was attended by fraternal chief executive officers and included a variety of presentations along with a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with the participants' legislators. Those in attendance were divided into eleven different groups and had scheduled meetings with three to five different legislators.

Pennsylvania Group 1 included President Kluchinski, Secretary-Treasurer Savidge, Doug Tuttle and Ross Aresco from LCBA, Timothy Kuzma from the Polish Falcons, and Allison Koppel and Taylor Conrad from the American Fraternal Alli-



**L-R: Doug Tuttle, Mary Jo Savidge, Legislative Counsel Stephen Coffey from Representative Matt Cartwright's office, Tim Kuzma, Taylor Conrad, Ross Aresco, and Theresa Kluchinski.**



**L-R: Doug Tuttle, Mary Jo Savidge, Theresa Kluchinski, Allison Koppel, Representative Michael Doyle, Tim Kuzma, and Ross Aresco.**

## LPSCU Branch 60 to Hold Mass and Breakfast

LPSCU Branch 60 will hold a Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, August 5, 2018, at 9:45 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Immediately following the Mass, a breakfast buffet will be served at Genetti's Premier Catering, Rt. 309, Hazleton. Branch 60 will also be holding a Matching Fund project at the breakfast to benefit Catholic Social Services Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton.

Any LPSCU member planning to attend will need to contact Anita Gregory (570-788-3263) by July 30 to make a reservation.

ance. Pennsylvania Group 1 was scheduled to meet with Representative Michael Doyle from the 14th District, Representative Keith Rothfus from the 12th District, and Representative Matt Cartwright from the 17th District.

## Calendar of Events

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**17-18** – Slovak Catholic Federation Meeting, Youngstown, Ohio  
**20** – **Deadline to submit articles for November/December Zornicka.**

**27-29** – LPSCU Semi-Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio  
**28** – Semi-Annual Meeting of the LPSCU Board of Directors at the Embassy Suites, Beachwood, Ohio, beginning at 8:30 a.m. *See announcement on page 3.*

**30** – Deadline to apply for the 2018 LPSCU Post Graduate Award. *See page 9 for details.*

### OCTOBER

**10-12** – New Jersey/New York Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Atlantic City, New Jersey

**20-21 & 27-28** – Msgr. Beeda District holding Matching Fund 50/50 Raffle after all Masses at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services St. Joseph Food Pantry.

**21-23** – Pennsylvania Fraternal Alliance Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**28** – Rev. Dianiska District's meeting celebrating "Make a Difference Day" at North End Slovak Club, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Branch 7 will host.

## FSNEPA Educational Seminar

**Speakers:**

**Department of Aging  
Social Security Administration**

**Where:** Perkins Restaurant  
Route 315  
Pittston, Pennsylvania

**When:** Wednesday, July 18 –  
9 a.m. to noon  
Light refreshments will be served.

**Reservations are required!  
Seating is limited!**

**RSVP by July 12th**

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# Junior Branch Journal

## How the Month of July Got Its Name

July is named for Julius Caesar, who was a Roman general, statesman, and historian. Julius Caesar conquered Gaul (what is now part of Italy, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands), changed the structure of the Roman government into a dictatorship, was assassinated in legendary fashion, and helped make the calendar what it is today.

Caesar is responsible for the year as we know it having 365 days, and for the existence of a leap year every four years. How did this Julian Calendar change things? The early Roman calendar had an intercalary month called Intercalans that was 27 or 28 days long, added once every two years after February 23rd. For years including Intercalans, the remaining five days of February were omitted. Our contemporary calendar is still pretty much the same system Caesar instituted more than 2,000 years ago.

July was named in honor of Julius Caesar. When Julius Caesar died, Quintilis, which was his birth month, was renamed with July. Quintilis means "fifth month" in Latin, which represents where this month originally fell in the Roman calendar.

## National Sugar Cookie Day ~ July 9



National Sugar Cookie Day falls on July 9 each year and provides us with the perfect excuse to indulge in our cravings. Originating back in the

1700's in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, sugar cookies were initially referred to as Nazareth Cookies by German Protestant settlers and baked in the shape of a keystone, Pennsylvania's symbol.

Fast forward a couple hundred years later and traditional sugar cookies are now a treasured staple in most households. Though they are outwardly simple, sugar cookies are a popular treat frequently consumed on numerous different occasions, including Valentine's Day, Easter, Christmas, and birthdays.

In the 1930s, it became popular to leave sugar cookies out for Santa as a "thank you" for the gifts you were about to get.

In 2001, the Nazareth Sugar Cookie was named the official cookie of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## Kids in the Kitchen SUGAR COOKIES

### Ingredients

- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla.

Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.





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## Kremnica Castle

Seven hills and the Hron River surround the gold-mining city of Kremnica. The castle in Kremnica has weathered time well. History of both the castle and the city are closely connected because the castle was built primarily to protect the gold mines and to serve as a storage facility for gold and minted coins. The city developed around the castle to house the miners and the foundry to mint coins. "Golden Town" - as Kremnica is called according to the fortune made from mining this precious metal - can be found in the following legend:

In the area around the Hron River lived a very unusual old man. He lived in a grand underground palace and hid from everyone. Besides being the most quarrelsome man in the world, his oddest trait was that he was made entirely of gold. Even liquid gold, not blood, flowed through his veins! In addition, he ate meals consisting of gold.

Although he was never seen, people living in the region heard about him. They put shovels and axes on their shoulders, marched to the area above his golden palace, and began to dig. Their efforts were in vain, and eventually they began to threaten the Gold Man.

The Gold Man was not afraid and ignored their threats. But he developed a throbbing headache from their constant complaints and the constant noise overhead. He decided to rise to the surface.

"Dear friends," he addressed the crowd, "day after day, night after night, your grumblings and digging disturb me. Let's come to an agreement. But I must warn you—you will never find my gold. Instead I will give you iron."



"We want gold!" the greedy crowd replied.

After thinking for several minutes, the Gold Man told the people that every morning on the grass they would find gold in the form of glistening dew.

Once they began to collect the golden dew, the people no longer worked for a living. They quickly grew accustomed to living leisurely. Their desire to work faded away, as well as their moral and spiritual values. But the gold did not bring them happiness. They yearned for more, so they planted pine trees, thinking the

trees would provide a larger surface for collecting the golden dew. Instead the dew did not cling to the slim pine needles and the grass stopped growing under the trees. In time, the golden dew vanished completely.

Once again they began digging, hoping to find the Gold Man's gold. No gold was found—only a single piece of iron. In time, the people relearned the meaning and merits of hard work.

What happened to the Gold Man? He moved and took all of his riches to where Kremnica stands today. And many years later, gold was discovered in Kremnica.

## PERIODICAL

### In Memoriam

## Fr. Placid Pientek, OSB

On May 6, 2018, our beloved senior community member, Fr. Placid (Francis) Pientek, OSB, died at 6:10 a.m., with the consolation of the sacraments, from complications after battling pneumonia at Regina Health Center in Richfield, Ohio, where he had been in residence since 2013. On Wednesday, May 2, the community of monks traveled to Regina and sang the Regina Coeli and the Ultima at his bedside.

At the time of his death, Fr. Placid was the oldest monk among the 700 monks of the American Cassinese Congregation of Benedictine monasteries, being three months shy of his 100th birthday. He was also the longest professed monk (78 years and 9 months) and longest ordained (73 years and 9 months) in the congregation. He reached the highest age of any member of our community in its 96-year history.

Fr. Placid's long life began on July 26, 1918, when he was born to Slovak immigrant parents in Lower Manhattan in the shadow of Wall Street. The shadow of that great financial market would follow him years later as he assumed positions as the monastery and high school treasurer. His parents were Ignatius and Helen (Jakubjak) Pientek and he had two brothers, Steve and Joseph, and a sister, Helen Zajac. All are deceased.

Fr. Placid enjoyed visitors and loved to meet new postulants and novices and encourage them in their monastic journey. He would make sure to complement confreres on their accomplishments and was supportive of all seven abbots he served under. May the long line of monks, alumni, benefactors, and friends whose lives were touched by Fr. Placid in his many roles of apostolic service in this world, now welcome him to Eternal Life where he will not be disappointed in the hope of Christ's promises to which he totally gave his long life.

His funeral Mass was celebrated at the Abbey on Friday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a wake that began at 3:00 p.m.

**Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB  
and the Community of  
Saint Andrew Abbey**



**Fr. Placid (Francis)  
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