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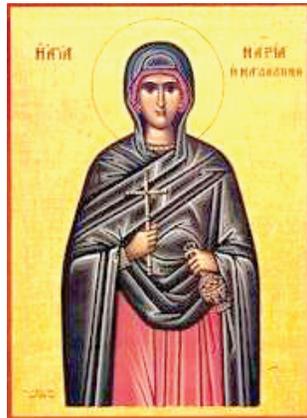
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Magdaléna - the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

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

The pilgrimage, or odpust in Slovak, has always played an important role in the religious cultural life of Slovaks. Two important centers of pilgrimage to St. Mary Magdalene are located in the Spiš region. Nearby my ancestral village of Richnava and just east of the town of Krompachy, on the road to Kaľava, lies the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene. Every year, Slovaks celebrate the July 22nd feast of St. Mary Magdalene with a pilgrimage. Likewise, the village of Danišovce, situated just northeast of Spišská Nova Ves, pilgrims also commemorate her feast day, as she is the patron saint of that community.



Dedication to St. Mary Magdalene first gained popularity among Slovaks during the 12th century.

My mother told me that she always went to the odpust for St. Mary Magdalene, as well as the St. Ann pilgrimage near Viťaz, a village just north of Kluknava. The pilgrimages offered an opportunity to meditate on one's sins, have one's confession heard, attend Mass, and socialize with people from nearby villages and towns. Pilgrims could receive the sacraments, fulfill Sunday obligations, and provided a break from a hard life of laborious work.

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The First Catholic Slovak Union Announces 2016 Jednota Scholarship Winners



The students pictured on pages 4 – 7 of this issue are chosen scholarship recipients by our Scholarship Committee as a result of their SAT scores, cumulative grade point average and class rank. In addition, each applicant was judged on the basis of his/her involvement in extra-curricular and volunteer activities. Emphasis was placed upon pride of being Catholic and Slovak as evidenced throughout the required essays on the applications. Finally, financial need and the cost of their chosen Colleges were evaluated.

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St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Killian Loch, O.S.B., Father Edward Mazich, O.S.B.

**July 24, 2016 –Seventeenth Sunday
of Ordinary Time**

Luke 11: 1 - 13

This Gospel gives us three lessons on prayer; How to pray, persistence in praying, and God's reception of our prayers. The Apostles had observed Jesus praying and asked him to teach them to pray. This is a beautiful request in that it indicates



Fr. Killian Loch,
O.S.B.

that as they spent time with Jesus they desired to be more like him. Jesus gave them the words to pray that we have come to know as the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is simple, to the point, and quite different than the way we might formulate a prayer. Usually when we pray we begin with our specific need for praying and move to expressing how it is God can help us. It is common to begin a prayer with a statements like one of these; "God, I have a problem, help," "Lord, heal me," "Father, where are you? I need you." "I" and "me" are often at the beginning of our prayers. With the Lord's Prayer we begin by acknowledging God and our hope of sharing in the kingdom, then we move into our needs. This prayer of Jesus provides us not only with the words to pray, but a model of how to formulate our own prayers' begin with God and then our needs.

Jesus teaches us to begin prayer by acknowledging and honoring God, and His sovereignty over Heaven and Earth. We then place our needs before God. What is the "daily bread" that I seek in this prayer? Whether it be help in a small or large problem, health for someone or some gift to better live our Christian lives, we place it before the Father. Always connected to our particular request is acknowledging our need for mercy, and our desire to be merciful. The prayer ends with a request for deliverance to help us in times of temptation and our personal spiritual battles. This formula Jesus gives us might be different than how our natural inclination would lead us, because it is a prayer that is God-centered and not self-centered.

The next lesson is that of persistence and patience in prayer. We need to avoid the temptation of looking at our prayers in the same way we approach a vending machine or drive-thru window. Prayer involves putting our timeline aside and trusting in God's time. God knows us intimately, and as Psalm 139 reminds us, it was God who knew us from the moment of conception. God knows what is best for us, and when it is needed. This challenges us not to give up when a prayer is not immediately answered, or even not answered after years of praying. It means not being so set on how we want God to answer that we miss his presence in ways we are not expecting.

The final lesson follows from the last one, don't try to box God in to answering a prayer exactly how we want it answered. The particular request might be like asking God for a knife or a serpent. That is what we think will help us, but could really do more harm than good. God's response is to give us what we really need, what will ultimately lead us closer to him. This takes trust and openness on our part, and this can be unsettling or even scary in not knowing how things will really turn out. St. Paul assures us that for those who trust God everything will work out for the good.

Pray by putting God first, with persistence and patience, with trust, and God will touch us in wonderful ways.

July 31, 2016 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

In our contemporary society success is often measured by wealth and possessions; today's readings provide a peaceful antidote to such thinking. The gospel parable of the foolish rich man makes clear what becomes of those who "store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:21): they are suddenly taken away from all they possess by the inexorable pull of death, and are left to bemoan the fact that their hard-earned wealth is given away to others who have not lifted a finger for it.

Jesus' message is straightforward, "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:21), yet it still is worthy of some explanation. He is not only telling us that we should not focus on the accumulation of wealth during our lives—this indicates a lack of faith in God's providence—but he is also teaching us that we should become rich "in what matters to God". The very same message is sounded by St. Paul in the second reading, taken from the letter to the Colossians; there we read "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly....since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator" (Col 3:5, 9-10).

What we see today is a two-fold movement, away from reliance on material wealth and toward greater trust in God who made us in his image and likeness and renews us in that image through Jesus Christ. This movement is the process that St. Paul refers to as putting on "the new self, which is being renewed...in the image of its creator". All of this does not mean that prosperity is bad; on the contrary it is a blessing, but it must never become our aim in life lest we turn away from the one who is the source of all prosperity and goodness and rely on things of passing value. The Psalmist takes the lesson deeper still, by writing: "You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades....Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart" (Ps 90:5-6, 12). He thus relates that life itself is short and unpredictable, and that all the things we gather to ourselves will quickly fade away at our death.

The Old Testament sage Qoheleth goes even further and complains that no matter how good or industrious we may be we must eventually leave our property to an heir who has not labored for it, concluding his lament with a phrase that punctuates his writings: "Vanity of vanities, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" (Qoh 1:2). Qoheleth's attitude toward work and wealth—and most other subjects—may seem downright cynical, yet it conveys to people of every generation a healthy skepticism about the claims of our culture as to what is truly valuable, and it can help lead us back toward a balanced perspective and a deeper devotion to God who "alone is good" (see Mark 10:18). To avoid the pitfall that stems from the love of wealth we ought to recall the brevity of life and the preciousness of the image of Christ in which we are made and renewed, and then resolve to share our wealth generously with others...that we might be rich "in what matters to God"!



Fr. Edward Mazich,
O.S.B.

**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately
*THINK ABOUT IT!***

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Celebrating anniversaries were: Row 1, L-R: Sister Jacqueline Ziobro (65 years), Sister Rosamund Dupock (75 years), Sister Janet Matlak (65 years). Row 2, L-R: Sister Carol Therese Stofka (40 years), Sister Catherine Ann Morris (55 years), Sister Bernice Marie Balint (55 years), Sister Carol Ann Terlicher (40 years), Sister Paracleta Amrich (65 years), Sister Marcine Klocko (35 years), Sister Linda Marie Bolinski (45 years), Sister Jean Marie Holup (45 years). [Absent from photo – Sister Florence Marcin (70 years), Sister Canice Adams (20 years)]



L-R: Sisters Pamela Smith, Seton Marie Connolly and Irene Marie Gaydos prepare for the entrance procession before the Jubilee Liturgy.

SS Cyril & Methodius Jubilee Celebration

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA, recently celebrated the Jubilees of some of their members.

The Sisters celebrating jubilee anniversaries currently serve in the archdiocese of Chicago IL and in the dioceses of Charleston SC; Gary IN; Harrisburg PA; San Antonio TX and Scranton PA.

The celebration included a Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius concelebrated by Rev. Kenneth Seegar, Pastor of St. Andre Bessette Parish, Wilkes Barre, PA; and Rev. Gerard Heintzelman, Rector of the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius and Chaplain at Maria Hall. Liturgy was followed by a dinner to which the friends, family and Community members of the Sister celebrants were invited.

- Submitted by Sister Barbara Sable. All photos courtesy of Sister Barbara Sable.

Papal Appointment for the Church of Slovakia



Vatican City, June 11, 2016 – The Holy Father has appointed Rev. Fr. Marek Forgáč as auxiliary of Košice (area 10,430, population 1,157,000, Catholics 678,600, priests 477, permanent deacons 3, religious 404), Slovakia. The bishop-elect was born in Košice, Slovakia in 1974 and was ordained a priest in 1999. He studied psychology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and has served as parish vicar, head of youth pastoral ministry at the University Pastoral Centre, and lecturer at the theological faculty in Košice. He is currently spiritual director of the University Pastoral Centre, and vice dean for science and doctoral studies at the theological faculty of Košice.

- From the Holy See Press Office

Message from the National Chaplain

Pope Francis declared December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 to be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. A series of articles featuring a saint who lived a particular Spiritual Work of Mercy is offered to help mark the Year. **Today's subject is Bear Wrongs Patiently.**

Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), the "Lily of the Mohawks," lived only 24 years, but she personifies the Spiritual Work of Mercy of bearing wrongs patiently.

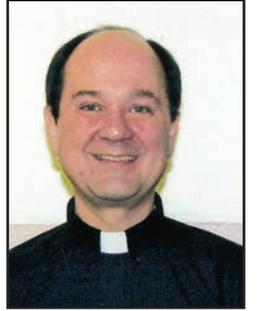
When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic struck her family. Young Kateri's parents, a Mohawk chief and an Algonquin Christian, along with her brother, all died from the disease. She herself survived the sickness, but the smallpox caused lasting scars on her face and diminished eyesight. Her name Tekakwitha means "one who bumps into things."

Kateri was taken in and raised by an uncle who was hostile to Christians. However, by her late teens she began to be drawn to the preaching of Blackrobe (Jesuit) missionaries. She eventually was baptized in 1676 at the age of 19 and received her First Communion the following year. She developed a deep love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She made a perpetual vow of virginity at the age of 23.

Kateri's decision to embrace the Catholic faith and Jesus Christ as her one and only spouse brought about unpleasant consequences. She became shunned by her own people. A virtual outcast, she was treated as an indentured servant. She was denied food because she refused to work on Sundays. Despite all this, she remained steadfast in her commitment to her faith, to her Lord, and in prayer for her people.

She eventually relocated to a Jesuit mission located in a region south of Montreal where she died at the age of 24. Those present at her death claim they saw all evidence of disfigurement from smallpox disappear from her face after she died.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha's feast day is July 14.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

Fr. Thomas Nasta
National Chaplain

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Jerry Costello for The Christophers

Sisters of Life Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The Sisters of Life celebrated an anniversary last month. It was a 25th anniversary, not all that great shakes as anniversaries go. But in this case, with the Sisters of Life, it was huge. Their story began with one man who had an idea—a community of women what would be dedicated to the protection and enhancement of human life. Eight women originally answered his call. And now, 25 years later, in a time that many associate with a decline in religious life, the original eight have grown to nearly 100. Instead of just one convent they now staff 10, and they have a major impact not only in New York, site of their founding, but upon the entire Church.

They said it couldn't be done, but those in the know knew better. The man with the idea was John Cardinal O'Connor, the late Archbishop of New York, and anyone who knew him was familiar with his iron determination. His commitment to the cause of life was so strong that he all but willed to make it happen.

It started off simply enough, with one of his regular columns in Catholic New York, the archdiocesan newspaper. He titled it "Help Wanted: Sisters of Life," and from the start—often a phenomenon with his columns—it attracted lots of attention. The letters he received in response moved him to call a retreat, at which he told those who had written in:

"I want to invite you to consider joining a non-existent religious community that I may or may not attempt to found. I am but a simple priest... If it is of the Holy Spirit, it will work. If it isn't, it won't."

Work it did, in a major way. Organizational help was acquired from established religious communities; classes in theology and philosophy were taught; Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, was named superior. After Cardinal O'Connor's death in 2000, the organization continued to grow; his successor in New York, the late Edward Cardinal Egan, established the Sisters of Life in 2004 as a religious institute of diocesan right. In 2012, with the help of the present Archbishop, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, a motherhouse in Suffern, New York, became the Sisters' headquarters and home.

Along the way, the Sisters acquired a handsome quarterly publication—Imprint, printed through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, written and designed by the Sisters of Life—and it is from its pages that the story of the founding Sisters comes to life:

"...Forward in trust they went—among them an editor, a nutritionist, a professor—all without a day of experience in religious life. And though there were more questions than answers, they clung to the mystery of grace filling their hearts, leaned on the strength of God, and together strived to realize God's dream of a world of charism, and a community, of life."

And Cardinal O'Connor, 70 years old when he founded the Sisters of Life, reflected on the experience four years later: "...What did I know about founding a community of religious women? I was depending on the Holy Spirit. But the one thing I told the Sisters then and I have tried to be faithful to ever since: I ask for your trust. I ask that we muddle through together to do the will of God, as God wants it to be done, and because He wants it to be done."

It now marks 25 fruitful years, still young and still trusting. And still growing.

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2016 Jednota Scholarship Winners

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Each 2016 Jednota Scholarship winner will receive a one-time grant of \$1,000.00 from the First Catholic Slovak Union. Included in these winners are Jacqueline Rose Noga, Maryjo Elizabeth Straka, and Joseph J. Shushok who were selected for the "John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund."

In addition to the above winners, there were two special awards given. Owen Glogovsky is the recipient of the "Philip Hrobak Scholarship" and Sarah M. Kozma is the recipient of the "Stephanie Husek Scholarship". These awards are also one-time grants and are in the amount of \$1,250.00 each.

Additionally, each scholarship winner will be issued a \$3,000.00 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy from the First Catholic Slovak Union upon proof of graduation from College.

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National President

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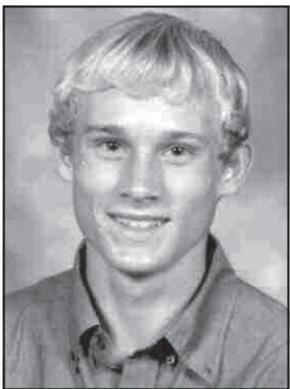


BELECHAK, MARIA
Parents: John and Johnette Belechak, Branch: 213K, College: Undecided; Major Nursing



BITNER, PEGGY
Parents: Paul and Mary Bitner; Branch: 181K, College: Westmoreland County Community College; Major Music Technology

Top Male
Philip Hrobak Scholarship



GLOGOVSKY, OWEN
Parents: Terry and Janet Glogovsky; Branch: 686K, College: Lipscomb University; Major Biochemistry

Top Female
Stephanie Husek Scholarship



KOZMA, SARAH M.
Parents: Michael and Cynthia Kozma; Branch: 228K, College: Duquesne University; Major Pharmacy



BLASKO, JOHN
Parents: John and Joan Blasko; Branch: 581K, College: Purdue University; Major Mechanical Engineering



BUFFA, DEVIN
Parents: Joseph and Maria Buffa; Branch: 024K, College: Kent State University; Major Speech Pathology



CAMPBELL, LEAH
Parents: Benjamin and Sharon Campbell; Shelly Woods; Branch: 162K, College: Potomac State University; Major Nursing

John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund Nursing Awards



NOGA, JACQUELINE ROSE
Parents: George Jr and Rosemarie Noga; Branch: 215K, College: Temple University; Major Nursing



SHUSHOK, JOSEPH J.
Parents: Joe Shushok, Dan and Paula Cipriano; Branch: 731K, College: Kent State University; Major Nursing



CAMPBELL, SARAH
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COLUMBUS, DAVID CARL
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STRAKA, MARYJO ELIZABETH
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Craven, COLIN
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DALY, KAITLYN MICHELLE
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2016 Jednota Scholarship Winners



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DICHIERA, ELIZA
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DROUGHT, TIMOTHY T.
Parents: James Drought and Nancy Chapko; Branch: 089K, College: Marquette University; Major Chemistry and Physics



DZUREC, JOHN
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ECHAVIA, CHRISTINA
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GERICS, MATTHEW L.
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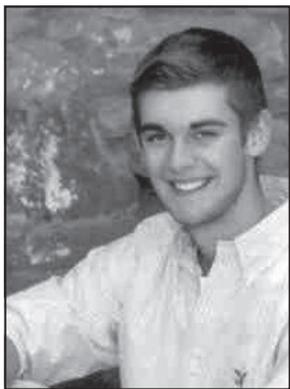
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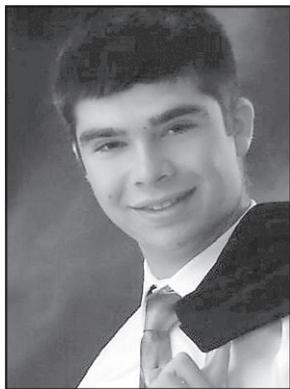
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HALE, TAYLOR
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HANLON, RYAN J.
Parents: James Jr and Lynn Hanlon; Branch: 004K, College: The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; Major Electrical Engineering



HESS, JUSTIN ANDREW
Parents: Richard and Lisa Hess; Branch: 856K, College: Virginia Tech; Major Computer Science



HRADESKY, MICHAEL
Parents: Earl and Jennifer Hradesky; Branch: 900K, College: Case Western Reserve University; Major Biology



HUDAK, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER
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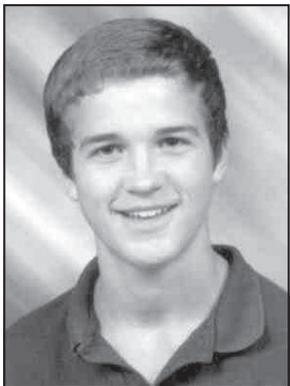
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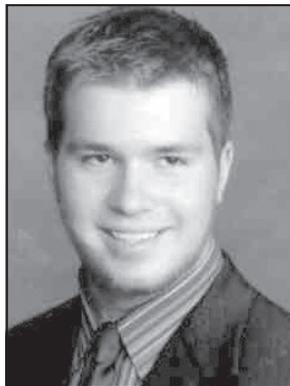
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KESTER, AUDREY MARIE
Parents: Thomas and Julia Kester; Branch: 240P, College: Temple University; Major English/Communications



KIEDROWSKI, ISAAC
Parents: James and Loretta Kiedrowski; Branch: 200K, College: University of Dayton; Major Business Marketing



KOVACINA, MATTHEW
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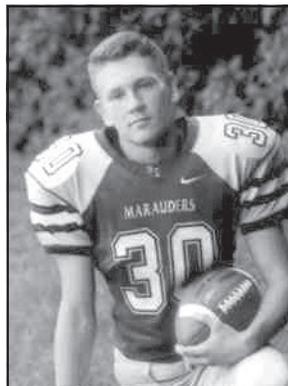
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LEGGE, ROBERT ANDREW
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LESKO, AVA
Parents: Mark and Mary Ann Lesko; Branch: 218K, College: Principia College; Major Mechanical Engineering



LITTLE, CHANCELOR J.
Parents: Timothy and Karen McCosar; Branch: 292K, College: Slippery Rock University; Major Physical Therapy



LOUGHLIN, MARIEL
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MANGES, ANNA
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MANGES, SOPHIA
Parents: Charles Manges and Vicki Stelma; Branch: 484K, College: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Honors College; Major Nursing



MARINO, MEGAN
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MCCLAIN, STEPHEN
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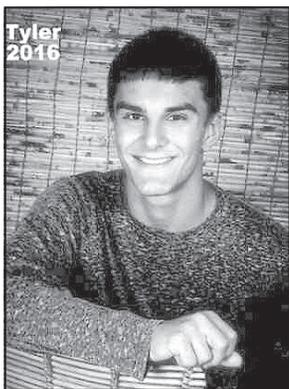
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MITRIK, CHRISTOPHER OLIVER
Parents: Joseph and Linda Mitrik; Branch: 024K, College: University of Dayton; Major Civil Engineering



MIZIKAR, MARK E.
Parents: William and Dayna Mizikar; Branch: 181K, College: St. Vincent College; Major Pre-health/Chemistry



MODOCK, TYLER NICHOLAS
Parents: Nicholas Jr and Holly Modock; Branch: 001K, College: Central Michigan University; Major Broadcasting and Cinematic Arts



MURRAY, DESTYNI
Parents: Kristoffer Murray and Maureen Massafra; Branch: 670K, College: Chatman University; Major Biology and Health Sciences



NORMAND, SHELBY
Parents: Rodney and Michelle Normand; Branch: 735K, College: Mt. Hood Community College; Major Psychology/School Counselor



O'SAVAGE, HANNA
Parents: Jack and Dara O'Savage; Branch: 670K, College: West Virginia University; Major Speech Pathology and Audiology



PEGULA, MARINA
Parents: Mark and Diane Pegula; Branch: 238K, College: Duquesne University; Major Early Childhood Education



PIPAK, JOSEPH M.
Parents: Michael and Gina Pipak; Branch: 199K, College: Penn State University; Major Mathematics/Actuarial Science



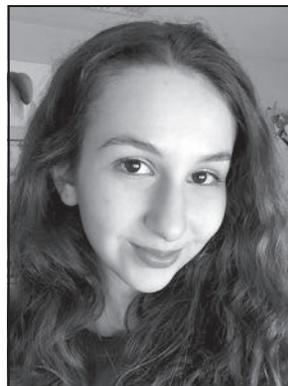
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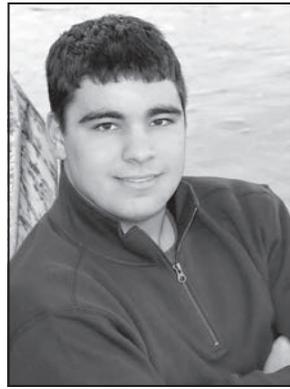
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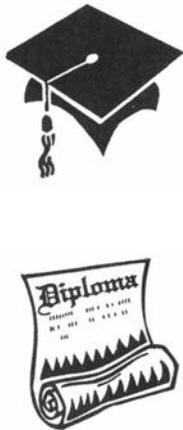
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Parents: Richard and Paula Walker; Branch: 181K, College: Seton Hill University; Major Biology/Pre-med (Optometry)



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Magdaléna - the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

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Dedication to St. Mary Magdalene first began to become popular in Slovakia during the 12th century and has steadily spread since then. Pilgrimages in her honor continue annually to this day, and when in Slovakia during 2014, I have enjoyed the opportunity to attend the pilgrimage honoring St. Mary Magdalene in Danišovce, as well as the St. Ann odpust at Viňaz. There also exist churches or chapels dedicated to her in the following locations in Slovakia, with their dates of origin.

Belá (1683)
 Čereňany (15th century)
 Jablonec (1656)
 Jelšovce (1322)
 Danišovce (mid 13th century)
 Lipany (1760)
 Lovčica-TrubínLubietová (1320)
 Mútne (1875)
 Rakovnica (second half of the 13th century)
 Richnava (13th century)
 Rusovce (1662)
 Vyšný Medzev (1773)

Scripture and Legend

Who was St. Mary Magdalene? What we know of her life comes mainly from Holy Scripture and legend. The Catholic Church as well as the Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches consider her to be one of the greatest saints and second only to Mary among women of faith. She represents an example of God's generous mercy and grace to sinners.

We do not know exactly when she was born or died, but the Gospels mention her at least a dozen times. They tell us of her continuing presence during Jesus' public ministry, and she was present at the time of His death and the first person recorded to see Him after the Resurrection.

While traditional Western legend that evolved in the Middle Ages has regarded her as once immoral or even a former prostitute, Holy Scriptures do not provide clear evidence of this. In fact, the Eastern Orthodox regard her as virtuous in her life, even before she met Jesus and converted. She appears to have been a Jewish woman living among the Gentiles, and she lived similar to them. Some theologians do believe that she was originally a sinner and repented. But scholars are skeptical whether Jesus had to exorcise seven demons out of her, for Scriptures identified that person as Magdala, a slightly different name. Following Mary Magdalene's purification, several other women also came to be disciples of the Lord and followed him faithfully.

Some controversy also exists among theologians as to whether she was the unnamed women who wept and washed Jesus' feet with her hair, as described in St. John's Gospel. Most believe that she was not the same person, however, since she was not specifically identified.

We do know that during Jesus' public ministry, Mary Magdalene became one of His most faithful Disciples and served Him as He traveled. She witnessed the crucifixion along with some of the other women who had closely followed Jesus. And she stood at the cross alongside Jesus' mother Mary after the crucifixion.

Scripture relates that she was present



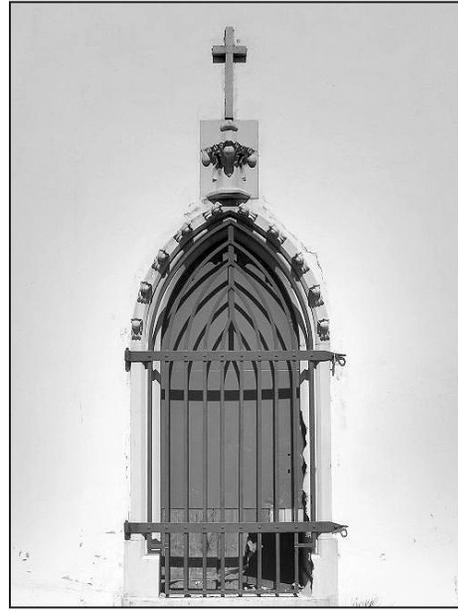
The chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, located in the Spiš region of Slovakia, is a popular destination for those celebrating the July 22nd feast of St. Mary Magdalene with a pilgrimage.

shortly after Christ's Resurrection. On Easter morning, she visited the tomb, possibly with several others, to anoint His body, but found the stone rolled away. Jesus was sitting there, very much alive. At first, she did not recognize Him in His glorious state, but she tried to hold onto him. Jesus told her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father" (John 20:17a). She had become one of the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, a testament to the high regard the Savior had for her.

Following the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, legend tells us that she continued to stay close to those early Christian followers of our Lord. Legend also states that after about fourteen years, St. James was executed in Jerusalem, and persecutions mounted. When Lazarus and Martha were thrown into prison, Mary Magdalene tried to visit them and wound up in prison as well. Fearing the mounting crowds if they executed more prominent Christians, Jews placed her and other early Christian saints in a boat and set it adrift without sails, rudders, or oars. The boat allegedly landed somewhere in southern Gaul, which is today near Ste. Baume, France, not far from Marseilles.

After some success in converting the local people along with Lazarus and Martha, she is said to have retired for the rest of her 30 years, alone in a cave in the nearby limestone mountain cliffs, living as a hermit. St. Mary Magdalene died near Tégulata (St. Maximin). Later Christians found her sarcophagus and other tombs from the 1st century made of bricks and tiles. A monastery was built nearby and the site became a popular place of pilgrimage to visit the "Holy Friends of Jesus" during the Middle Ages. The site now has a basilica, and the local Dominicans there have guarded her relics to this day.

On June 10, 2016, in keeping with the theme of Divine Mercy for the year, Pope Francis formally elevated the Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to a feast day on the Church's liturgical calendar. In a Vatican newspaper article, Archbishop Arthur Roche wrote that she was "an evangelist who proclaimed the central joyous message of Easter". "Her feast day represents



The chapel is a fine representative of church architecture in the region.



a call for Christians to "reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the new evangelization and the greatness of the mystery of divine mercy." The Pope also reminded us in 2013 that the saint shed tears at the tomb of Christ, a reminder that "sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus." All Christians need to trust in a Jesus who is "alive and risen" as St. Mary Magdalene believed and witnessed. She represents a model for all women to emulate.

Christians remember St. Mary Magdalene as the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, the slandered, pharmacists, tanners and women, as well as many other causes.

Historical Background of the Richnava Chapel

As noted above, a number of churches and chapels to St. Mary Magdalene exist in Slovakia. This article will concentrate on the history of the chapel near Richnava, which was built during the Middle Ages and contains distinctly Gothic characteristics. Most scholars believe the chapel originally dates from the 13th century.

The renowned Spiš historian, Ivan Chaloupecký, wrote an article in the bi-monthly Richnavské noviny, which explains the detailed history of the chapel. Located on a small hill above the Hornád River at the mouth of a valley, the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene (Kaplnka zasvätená svätej Márie Magdaléne) might have originally served the village of Richnava. Another source indicated that the village might have shifted eastward after a devastating flood and/or Tartar raids. Today it remains as Richnava's place of pilgrimage.

The chapel was built with the wood from linden trees (lipy) and its construction compares with that of many wooden Eastern rite churches of northeastern Slovakia, or the nearby famous medieval church in Žehra, north of Spišská Vlachy on the road to Spiš Castle.

A variety of views exist among scholars about the chapel's origins. Spiš historian Ján Vencko has related that Crusaders of the Holy Sepulcher were originally at the site, but we do not know his source of information. From the Levoča Chronicle of Gašpar Hain, we do know that monasteries were constructed during the year 1261 in both Strážky and Richnava, but scholars are not sure which religious order built them. The Diocese of Spiš records show that a priory chapter existed "in Richnava near Krompachy in Spiš" ("de Richnó prope Krompach in Scepusio") and it was related to the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene. Thus the monks may have constructed the original chapel along with their monastery in 1261. The monastery may have been destroyed during the second Tartar invasion during the 1280s, and just a church remained after the devastation.

The other possibility which Chaloupecký posits is that the original village of Richnava stood at the place where the chapel was and it served about 10-20 households as the parish church. He points out that the first church in nearby Kluknava was not built until 1555. He does not believe that the original village was around the Richnava Castle, which dated from the late 13th century. We know that enemy troops besieged the castle in the late 15th century, and Chaloupecký believes that for protection, the residents moved their village to the site near the former castle after the invasion.

The well-preserved square presbytery in the chapel seems to confirm that this was a parish church like the famous one in Žehra, built in a style that was popular in the middle of the 13th century. The chapel's front façade features a somewhat enlarged Romanesque window. Based on its style and historical sources, Chaloupecký surmises that the chapel was built sometime between 1250 and 1270. After transferring the village of Richnava to its current location, people continued to use the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene as a place of pilgrimage. Village residents going to daily and Sunday Mass then used either the Richnava castle chapel, or later, the site of the present-day church of St. Michael the Archangel, which was rebuilt in 1972 after having been destroyed by the Germans in the Second World War.

The Richnava church is again mentioned in reference to a canonical visitation around 1708, which noted that the church was in poor condition, but the chapel did not get mentioned. A canonical visitation involves "an exceptional initiative of the Holy See which sends an envoy to evaluate an ecclesiastical institute such as a seminary, diocese, or religious institute." They aim to help a local church or institution to improve its function as a Church institution.

At another canonical visitation in 1754, the church remained in a poor state, but the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene appears to have been renovated, largely with the assistance from the noble family named Jancsó.

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(L – R) Rev. Earl J. Henry, O.S.B., Prior of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Fr. Micah, and Monsignor Larry J. Kulick.

The presentation of the resolution prepared by Fr. Thomas Nasta and the resolution committee of the FCSU (L – R): Monsignor Larry J. Kulick, JCL of the Greensburg Diocese, Father Doctor Micah Kozoil and James R. Marmol, Regional 4 Director.



40th Anniversary of the Rev. Fr. Micah Kozoil Celebrated in May

The 40th Anniversary of Reverend Fr. Dr. Micah Kozoil was celebrated at St. Aloysius in Dunbar, PA on Sunday, May 22, 2016. Fr. Micah is a member of the FCSU, Branch 315, Munhall, PA.

- Submitted by James R. Marmol, Region 4 Director



(L – R) Christopher L. Borton, chair, Board of Trustees, Misericordia University; Thomas M. Check, D.D.S., Gwynedd Valley, degree recipient; Rear Admiral Scott F. Giberson, assistant U.S. surgeon general, keynote speaker and degree recipient, and Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., president, Misericordia University.

Dr. Thomas Check Receives Honorary Degree at May Commencement Ceremony

Misericordia University Board of Trustees awarded two honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees during the graduate degree ceremony of the university's 90th Commencement on May 21, 2016.

Thomas M. Check, D.D.S., Gwynedd Valley, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the graduate degree ceremony in recognition for his work as a humanitarian. AA native of Wilkes Barre, PA, Dr. Check is a respected dentist in the Philadelphia region who has traveled to Jamaica for 50 consecutive years to administer dental care to underprivileged children. In addition, he is credited with establishing dental clinics at the Alpha Boys School in Kingston, Jamaica in 1964 and at St. John Bosco Boys Home in Mandeville, Jamaica in 1983, both operated by the Sisters of Mercy. Dr. Check is the husband of the late Misericordia alumna Elizabeth "Betty" Kern Check, Class of 1949, who passed away in 2008. Dr. Check is a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 173, Wilkes Barre, PA.



Welcome Reception for Friends of Slovakia Scholars in Washington, D.C

On Sunday, June 12, 2016 Scott and Nena Thayer hosted a Welcome Reception in Washington, DC for the Friends of Slovakia Scholars. The reception was attended by members of the Friends of Slovakia Board, the Fund for American Studies President, Roger Ream, the Slovak-American Foundation President & CEO, Mary MacPherson, Slovak Chargé d'Affaires, Peter Zelenak, as well as the new US Ambassador to Slovakia, Adam Sterling.

The Friends of Slovakia is a Washington, DC based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing US-Slovak relations through economic, business, political, security, cultural, educational and humanitarian efforts.

Every summer since 2004, the Friends of Slovakia has provided support for one or more Slovak students to participate in the summer programs of the Fund for American Studies (TFAS). Special consideration is given to candidates who are planning a career in business/entrepreneurship, education, philanthropy, or journalism.

Since 2013, the TFAS programs have taken place at George Mason University's campus in Arlington, VA, and students are housed at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Participants not only increase their knowledge by attending courses and lectures but also are able to interact with students from many of the top universities in the US, in addition to other international students. Moreover, students hold internships for approximately 30 hours per week, giving them practical work experience in the United States.



(L – R) Slovak Scholars Martin Homola, Lenka Stezakova, and Barbara Skoloutová; Friends of Slovakia Vice Chairman Ken Bombara; Slovak Scholar Ivana Kohutiárova; Friends of Slovakia Chairman and FCSU Branch 254 Member Joseph Senko; FCSU Branch 254 Secretary Albina Senko; first US Ambassador to Slovakia Ted Russell; FCSU Director of Independent Agents Andrew P. Rajec, FIC; and newly appointed US Ambassador to Slovakia Adam Sterling.



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Branch 875's Sarah Francowic Awarded Journalism Honor

Sarah Katherine Francowic was presented the Journalism Award at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for having achieved the highest standards of talent and performance in collegiate journalism and having demonstrated the promise of developing skills necessary for a successful career in professional journalism. The award was presented at the Academic Honors Convocation on April 3, 2016. Sarah just completed her sophomore year at Pitt Johnstown. She is double majoring in Journalism and Multimedia and Digital Culture. She is a member of student government association serving as chairman of the campus relations committee, sports editor of The

Advocate, a student run school newspaper and head broadcaster of Pitt-Johnstown athletic events. Sarah is the daughter of Michelle and Michael Francowic and granddaughter of Katherine and Bernard Nowatkoski. She is a member of Branch 875.



(R – L) Sarah Francowic and President of Pitt Johnstown Dr. Jem Spectar

District 2 Members and Guests Enjoy the Theater

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District held another successful champagne brunch/play outing on May 15, 2016. The event took place at the Theatre at the Center in Munster, Indiana. Jednotars from the district traveled from three states to enjoy the delicious buffets and the hilarious musical-comedy 'Nice Work If You Can Get It.' The musical, set in the late 1920's, used classic George and Ira Gershwin songs with modern jokes. Thanks must again go out to District 2 Co-Director of Fraternal Activities Lynda Tanis for arranging this fraternal activity. District 2 members received a \$25 subsidy on their ticket price from the district treasury.

- Submitted by Robert Tapak Magruder, District Recording Secretary



Father Cyril Repko Celebrates 80th Birthday in Papua New Guinea

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★

On July 3, 2016 Father Cyril F. Repko, O. F. M. Capuchin, celebrated his 80th birthday in Papua New Guinea. He has been a priest for over 54 years and has spent 53 years serving the people of Papua New Guinea as a missionary. Currently, he is a member

of the pastoral team at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Tari, located in the Hela Province of Papua New Guinea.

Father Cyril - a member of Branch 580, West Mifflin, PA - is the son of the late Joseph and Wilma (Vesonder) Repko from Holy Trinity parish in Duquesne/West Mifflin, PA. He started his education at Holy Trinity grade school and St. Fidelis Seminary and College in Herman, PA. He completed his theology studies at Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. He was ordained at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on June 9, 1962. After receiving his Master's Degree at Catholic University, he departed for the missionary apostolate in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea in August 1963.

In Papua New Guinea, Father Cyril has served in many different roles, including doing pastoral work, teaching at the seminary, and serving for two terms as Vice Provincial of the Capuchin Vice Province in Papua New Guinea. His missionary work has led to the baptism of thousands of Papua New Guinea Catholics and inspired many religious vocations.

His current mailing address is: Fr. Cyril F. Repko, O.F.M., Cap., Capuchin Friars, P.O. Box 69, Mendi, SHP, Papua New Guinea.



(L-R) Scholarship Coordinator Michele Mager, Lauren Salkiewicz, Sarah Kozma, USS President Len Zilko

United Slovak Societies Award Scholarships in July

United Slovak Societies at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Ohio is pleased to announce scholarship winners for the 2016 school year. Recipients must meet grade point average criteria and be a five year member in good standing of one of the five local fraternal lodges that make up United Slovak Societies.

The lodges include: First Catholic Slovak Union Br. 228, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Br. 114, National Slovak Society Assembly 160, Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreath 111 and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Br. 77.

The recipients are:

Lauren Salkiewicz of Amherst Ohio, daughter of Trisha and Christopher Radman. Lauren is a graduate of Firelands High School and will attend Lorain County Community College and Bowling Green University. Lauren is a member of LPSCU #77, SCS #111, and FCSLA #114.

Sarah Kozma of Elyria, Ohio, daughter of Cynthia and Michael Kozma. Sarah is a graduate of Elyria Catholic High School and will attend Duquesne University. Sarah is a member of FCSU 228.

Emily Bobek of Amherst Ohio, daughter of Laura and Richard Bobek. Emily is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School and will attend Duquesne University. Emily is a member of FCSLA #114.

Michael DePauw of Lewis Center Ohio, son of Constance and Philip DePauw. Michael is a graduate of Orange High School and will attend Virginia Tech. Michael is a member of NSS #160.

Chelsea Brandt of Geneva Illinois, daughter of Karen and David Brandt. Chelsea is a graduate of Geneva High School and will attend Loyola University. Chelsea is a member of FCSLA #114.

Christina Echavia of Pleasanton California, daughter of Ann and Anthony Echavia. Christina is a graduate of Amador High School and will attend University of California at Santa Cruz. Christina is a member of FCSU 228.

A bar-b-que dinner and presentation of award was held on Tuesday July 5, 2016, at the American Slovak Club, Lorain, OH.

- Submitted by Michele Mager, Branch 228; Secretary-United Slovak Societies; Board of Director Member; American Slovak Club

FCSU's Firment Family Celebrates Family Reunion in June



Brothers Joseph (L) and George (R) Firment, members of the FCSU since their youth, celebrate with niece Geraldine Firment Hricik (C) at their family reunion June 26, 2016.

Joseph is 91 and the father of eight children; and George is 89 and the father of six children. George has been active over the years as a golfer with the FCSU. Their parents were immigrants coming from Slovakia.

Geraldine is the oldest child of deceased Andrew Firment who was the father of nine children.

The United States has been good to the entire family. God Bless America.

- Submitted by Geraldine Hricik. Photo courtesy of Geraldine Hricik.



District 12's Bi-annual May Meeting

District 12 – the Msgr Andrew Hlinka District - held their bi-annual meeting on May 22, 2016, at the King's Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. The District is made up of Branch 320 from Belle Vernon, PA, Branch 380 from Canonsburg, PA, Branch 670 from Donora, PA, and Branch 853 from Pittsburgh, PA. Members from all branches were in attendance.

- Submitted by Cheryl Hyatt, District 12 Secretary

2016 Slovak Festival on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend



The 2016 Annual Slovak Festival, sponsored by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club, will be held **Sunday, September 4, 2016, from 12:00 noon till 8PM at:**

St Anthony of Padua Church Hall,
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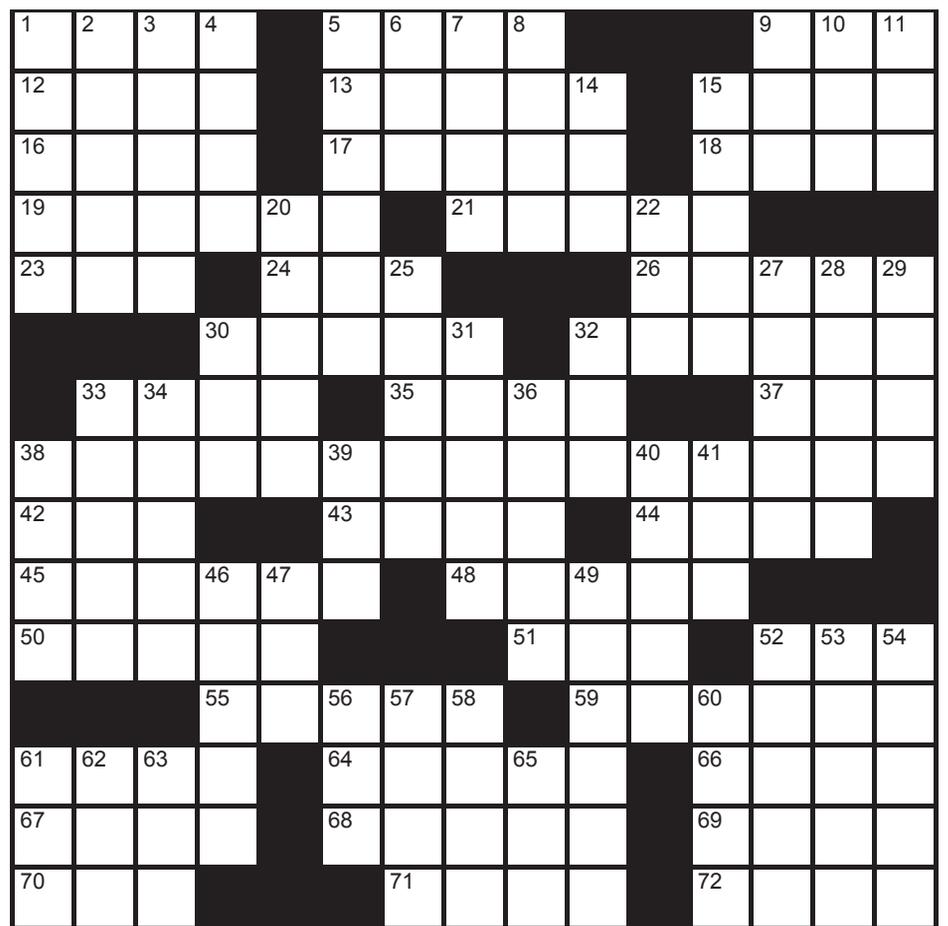
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Across

- 1 Occupations
- 5 Mongrel
- 9 Bird's beak
- 12 All square
- 13 Run ___ of the law
- 15 Actress Sorvino
- 16 Baltic port
- 17 Like Vikings
- 18 Doing business
- 19 Chess piece
- 21 Toast
- 23 Craving
- 24 Historic time
- 26 Supersized
- 30 Strikes
- 32 Risks
- 33 And others (Abbr.)
- 35 Engage
- 37 Sister
- 38 Paul Hogan played him
- 42 Bud's bud
- 43 Fragrance
- 44 Famed loch
- 45 Aimless
- 48 Jacket material
- 50 Pasta topper
- 51 Opposite SSW
- 52 Hiatus
- 55 Loathe
- 59 Farm
- 61 Watch face
- 64 Fine fiddle
- 66 Dinghy or dory
- 67 Small whirlpool
- 68 Georgia city
- 69 Madame Bovary
- 70 Silent assent
- 71 Russo of *Outbreak*
- 72 Blue-green

Down

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- 2 Sheeplike
- 3 Start
- 4 Glitch
- 5 Slogan
- 6 ET carrier
- 7 Rocky peaks
- 8 Ivory source
- 9 Bite
- 10 Anger
- 11 Prohibit
- 14 Sign before Virgo
- 15 Back tooth
- 20 Salutation
- 22 Barley brew
- 25 Garden pest
- 27 Peels
- 28 Pastes
- 29 Feudal worker
- 30 Anatomical pouch
- 31 Farm buildings
- 32 Foot (Prefix)
- 33 Eat away
- 34 Some vacation trips
- 36 Summer TV offering
- 38 Applaud
- 39 Flyspeck

- 40 Below
- 41 Maiden name
- 46 Vesuvius locale
- 47 Watch chain
- 49 Propulsion item
- 52 Fairy tale figure
- 53 Small lizard
- 54 Corolla part
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To request your free copy of the First Catholic Slovak Union Estate Planning Booklet, please call at 1-800-JEDNOTA (533-6682).

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The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2016 Scholarship Program.

**THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS
TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.**

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who attends an Approved Post Secondary Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
 - An official college transcript of grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
 - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
 - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
 - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
 - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
 - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
 - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

For applications, please contact:
 Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc.
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 Phone 1-800-533-6682 - Fax 216-642-4310
 E-mail: fcsu@fcsu.com – Website: www.fcsu.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall located at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. All members are encouraged to attend. There will be a discussion about upcoming events in the Slovak community.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 2 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels Archangel, Branch 2, will be holding their annual meeting on October 19, 2016 at Kretzlers. This meeting will include election of officers and will be at 7 pm. semi-annual meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7pm at Kretzlers on Babcock Blvd in the North Hills. Please RSVP to 412-766-3222 or 412-421-1204.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lako Recording Secretary

BRANCH 3 - MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Branch 3 will hold its Family Picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2016, on the school grounds of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. There will be games for the children, and food and refreshments for all members.

James T. Genosky, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P - EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2015, at 1:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the home of Marion Rubino, President, 67 9th St. Wyoming, PA.

On the agenda will be a discussion of branch business and activities. The agenda will include election of officers for 2017.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please call Marion Rubino if you plan to attend 570-693-0399.

Marion Rubino, President

BRANCH 6 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Society, Branch: 06K, will hold its semi-annual meeting with activities meeting on Sunday, July 24, 2016. The meeting will be held at DaLee's fine dining, at 527 S. Illinois St., Streator, IL. The meeting will begin at 12 noon followed by a luncheon and activities for the children. All members are welcome and if you plan on attending please call (815) 822-8851 or (815) 672-1764.

Paul Chismar, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 19 - BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Hall, 79 Church St., Bridgeport, CT, at 9:30AM.

We will plan our agenda for the year with our special meeting on November 13, 2016. At this meeting we will have breakfast and we will award our college-bound members with scholarships to help with their college expenses.

We cordially invite our members to attend our meetings conducted on the second Sunday of the month at Sts Cyril and Methodius Church hall. Our annual meeting will be held on December 11, 2016.

Henry Zack, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 23 - JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 23, St. Joseph Society, will be having our 1st. Annual Meeting, on Sunday, Aug 21, 2016 at 1 PM, at Hoss's Family Restaurant, Johnstown PA. Near Walmart in Richland on 411 Theatre Drive.

All members of Branch 23 are welcome and

encouraged to attend. New and old Business will be discussed, by new and old members. Please come join us!

If you have any questions please call Theresa 814-254-2532.

Theresa Cassat/Secretary

BRANCH 24 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

ATTENTION BRANCH 24 MEMBERS: For every WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY or ANNUITY you purchase or sell by November 1, 2016, Branch 24 will give you a complimentary ticket to the Vilija (Christmas Eve) Dinner sponsored by St. Andrew's Abbey every Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 524-0952. For more information about FCSU products and to download applications or forms, go to our website at www.fcsu.com. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity and can join us at this year's Vilija.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 35 - BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michaels, Branch: 35, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 7, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at 1987 Centurion Drive, Forest Hills, PA. The agenda will include officers' reports and a discussion of district and Branch: activities.

Janet Sullivan, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 40 - STREATOR, ILLINOIS

The St. Clement Society, Branch: 40, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday July 24th at 1:00 P.M. at Chipper's Grill, 1733 North Bloomington St. Streator, IL. All members of Branch: #40 are urged to attend the meeting. Lunch will follow. Please make reservations by calling (815) 672-6682 before July 22, 2016.

Fraternally yours,

Maria Harcar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55 - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch: 55 KJ is scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer, Wesley, Pennypack Park Complex, 8401 Roosevelt Boulevard, PA. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be catered; therefore, we request that you RSVP by June 21st in order to make reservations at the Wesley.

Please bring non-perishable food for Aid for Friends in Need. All members are cordially invited to attend.

A short business meeting will be conducted to review the highlights of the past year, discuss plans for the balance of the year, and any other business that will come up. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the Secretary-Treasurer at 215.637.6530 for directions and to reserve lunch.

Helena T. Gaydos, President

BRANCH 75 - SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, July 24, 2016, at 10:30AM at the residence of Financial Secretary Ronald Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA. Agenda items will be those normally associated with our semi-annual meeting. All interested members should make an attempt to attend this meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Park Inn By Radisson, at 700 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA.

Officers' reports will be given, and upcoming events and branch activities will be discussed. All members and guests of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations by September 12, 2016, to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 166 - BINGHAMTON, CAPITAL AREA, PEEKSKILL, POUGHKEEPSIE, AND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 1:15 P.M., at Buffet Star, 4089 Old Vestal Road, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be the Election of Officers and a discussion of District and Branch business. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by September 7, 2016, to make a reservation if you plan to attend. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Arlo Meeker, President

BRANCH 199 - HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold a meeting at 1:00PM on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend the meeting and be recognized by Branch 199. All branch members are encouraged to attend.

Barbara Patula, Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 invites you to attend our monthly branch meetings which are held the 1st Thursday of every month (except June & July) in the upstairs Social Hall, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226. The branch meeting begins directly following the regularly held 7:00PM monthly meeting of the CU Club. Please mark your calendars.

We look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club. Delicious food is served by Theresa Arendt at the last meeting of each calendar quarter. The Branch: will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 19, 2016. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Please come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 254 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wenceslaus Society will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 11:30am at Panera's Restaurant in the Mt. Lebanon Galleria located at the corner of Washington and Gilkeson Roads, Lebanon, PA. Lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact Albina Senko at 412-343-5031.

Albina Senko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 290 - RARITAN, NEW JERSEY

St. John the Baptist Branch 290 will hold a meeting on August 31, 2016, at 7:30PM. We will have election of officers among other items of interest to the branch. Please try to attend. Call

Joe at (908) 413-7177 to get the location of the meeting.

Joe Minarovich, President

BRANCH 313 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

We will be holding our meeting, at 11 a.m. on July 22, 2016. It will be held at the home of Curtis Johnson, 16913 Creekside Ave., Tinley Park, IL, 60487. Items on the agenda include officers and a discussion on the upcoming year. Please check your beneficiaries on your policies. Please call Joseph M. Bugel at 708-349-7873 for more information.

Joseph M. Bugel, President

BRANCH 401 - EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual Meeting of Branch 401 is scheduled to be held Sunday, August 21, 2016, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Secretary Patrick Froncek, 1223 Wysocki Ave., North Apollo, PA (phone:724-664-8216). Planning for a Fall '16 recruitment program will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.

Patrick Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 493 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch #493 in Chicago, will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting and Summer Luncheon on Saturday, July 30th. Location: Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL 60559.

Attendees will gather at 1:30 pm for a period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments, with the meeting starting at 2:00 pm. After the business meeting, we will enjoy a delicious meal. All Branch: members are encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact the Recording Secretary Bob at (773) 558-5956 or (502) 244-6643 by Wednesday July 27, so that he can give the restaurant an accurate head count for the reservation.

**Robert Tapak Magruder,
Financial Secretary**

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

Branch 553 will hold a meeting on August 7, 2016 at 2PM at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH. Please contact the J Club office and let Linda Hanko at 330-773-4978 to let her know if you will be coming so that we may plan refreshments.

August 17, 2016 - bus trip to Presque Isle Casino

August 20, 2016 - we will be hosting our Annual Steak Fry with Steak, Baked Potato, Corn, Salad, rolls & butter - all for only \$12 Please call the office for your tickets as no tickets will be able to be sold at the door; only pre-sale tickets. The office phone is: 330-773-4978

Branch members will gather to celebrate Holy Mass on September 25, 2016, at St John's, 1034 Brown St, Akron OH 44301, at 10:00AM; we will be meeting the lobby of the church at approximately 9:30AM. Following the Mass we will be hosting a breakfast for all bona fide members. Please call and let Linda Hanko at 330-773-4978 to let her know you are coming so that we can plan for the brunch.

Aug 3rd and Sept 7th - don't forget our luscious Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 to 7PM.

Respectfully,

Sandie Klucar, Secretary

BRANCH 595 - MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have several hours that you care spare each month, Tatra Hall needs YOU. Sunday, August 7, Polka Dance, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., \$5.00 at door.

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 1 - REV. MATTHEW JANKOLA DISTRICT - NEW ENGLAND

The Rev. Matthew Jankola District, District 1, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 11:00AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall (now called the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall), 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. We will discuss our activities of the past year. We also will plan our agenda for the coming year.

The election of district officers will take place at this meeting.

Members of the various branches are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. We are looking forward to seeing many members of District 1 at this meeting.

Jacqueline Zack, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 – PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 60 and Branch 628 hosted the district Father's Day Brunch at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in West Mifflin PA. Members enjoyed ham and chicken with potato salad. We had a 50/50 raffle and many door prizes.

It's time to get your RSVP's into Annie Ondrejco for the district picnic. We will have food, games etc on Saturday, July 30, from noon until dusk at Renzie Park Pavilion #5 in McKeesport. The pavilion is near Lake Emily, off Tulip Drive. Notices were available at the Father's Day Brunch. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of five or more. Checks should be made payable to FCSU-Pittsburgh District. Have your reservations and your checks to Annie Ondrejco by July 25 at the very latest. Mail them to 234 Illion Street, Pittsburgh PA 15207. A park map is available. While you're at Renzie, be sure to take in the Rose Garden and the McKeesport Regional Heritage Center, home of the Little Red School House.

The District Activities Director Annie Ondrejco is organizing a Facebook group to be called Jednota Pittsburgh District Activities. Join the group to keep up with district activities. Annie would like to know if there is any interest in additional activities such as an art class or attending a Pirates game or going out to the Meadows Casino or a visit to the NSS Museum. Contact Annie at aondrejco@gmail.com.

Branch 276 will host the annual winter business meeting on Sunday, November 27 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall in West Mifflin. The Steelers play the Colts on Thanksgiving Day so there is no game on Sunday.

As always, members are urged to check the Jednota for updates on FCSU business matters as well as contests and tournaments. In particular, there is an interesting story about the Sisters of Cyril & Methodius in the June 15 issue.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU district meetings, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** WPSCA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: October 3 – Discover Your Slovak Roots, November 7 – Show & Tell, December 5 – Slovak Christmas Customs. Become a member of the WPSCA to get the newsletter listing all of their events.

** Slovak Day at Kennywood Park – Thursday, July 21 – tickets available from the Slovak Day Committee.

** Slovak Language Classes are held Tuesdays in spring and fall. Contact Bozena Hilko at bozi@comcast.net. Fall classes are directed toward intermediate and advanced students. Spring classes are for beginners.

** The Pittsburgh Folk Festival will be held in Pittsburgh at the Schenley Tent Plaza this year – September 3-4 – See www.pghfolkfest.org for details.

** Septemberfest at the NSS Museum – Saturday, September 24, 11-4 – free admission.

** Slovak Beer Tasting – October 8 – contact Joe Senko.

** Don't forget the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Radio Hour – 3-4 PM, Sunday's – WPIT-AM 730. The program is also streamed live at www.wpitam.com. Their annual dinner dance is planned for Sunday, October 2 at the Westwood Golf Club in West Mifflin.

** Slovak Heritage Festival at Pitt – Sunday, 12-5, November 6 – free admission.

** You can follow the Pittsburgh Slovaks and the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association on Facebook. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids also has a Facebook page. Check out your family's hometown in Slovakia. Even small villages may have a Facebook page.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

** If you're interested in study abroad, Slovakia has a number of major universities; some have programs taught in English. Check out www.slovakia.com/study-in-slovakia/

** The National Slovak Society Museum in McMurray PA is available to visitors Monday-Thursday from 9-3. Contact Sue Ondrejco for information and reservations. See www.nsslife.org/Museum.

** The CzechoSlovak Genealogical Society International is holding its next meeting in October 18-21, 2017 in Pittsburgh. Further information can be found at www.cgisi.org.

** FCSU information and forms can be found at www.fcsu.com

If anyone knows of additional Slovak events in Western Pennsylvania that they wish to be included in our district notice, they should email information to the secretary.

Fraternally,

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary
manasta@verizon.net

DISTRICT 8 - REV. STEPHEN FRUDEK DISTRICT - EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Reverend Stephen Furdek District will hold the Annual meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016,

The mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. 20017.

Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. in the Crypt Church.

Dinner will be served immediately after mass, approximately 12:30 P.M.

The meeting will take place immediately following the dinner.

Dinner reservations are required no later than September 4, 2016.

For further information please contact Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638.

The Agenda will consist of Officer Reports, Financial Report, Election of Officers for 2017, and discussion on further activities.

Any further questions please contact Monica Fabian at 610-417-0468. Thank You!

Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

DISTRICT 9 – THE FRANK T. HOLLY JR DISTRICT

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 1:00PM in the meeting room of the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill at 575 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch members are invited to attend.

A Dairy Queen Social will take place following the meeting.

Barbara A. Holly, Secretary

Attention Branch 24 Members: Christmas in July Membership Promotion



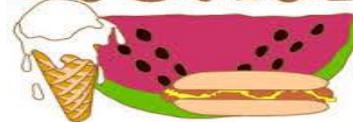
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Bob Kopco, President

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

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WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016.

12 noon-??

WHERE: RENZIE PARK: Pavilion #5

An afternoon of food, fun,

WHAT: games, and prizes to celebrate fraternalism!!

Games/Prizes for ALL AGES!!

*****RSVP by Monday, July 25, 2016*****

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\$20 for a family of 5+, or \$5 per person.

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Mail RSVP to: Annie Ondrejco 234 Illion Street, Pgh, PA 15207



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Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members

The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name	Branch:	Name
001P	John George Marcinko	153K	Frank A Bucz	293K	Frank J Domin	764K	John J Pavlik
002K	Gary Lee Lesh	156K	Richard A Hercik	313K	Theodora P Margala	764K	Mary Clark Vickers
002K	Irene Schnupp	156K	Leopold J Novak	327K	Donald M Koval	796K	David J Krempasky
010K	William A Nalevanko	156K	Robert P Raykos	367K	Florence Pastrick	796K	Edward L Novak
023K	Donald J Delich	165K	John W Vargo	380K	Paul M Hrycko	831K	Stephen A Kuniak
023K	Cecelia A Roy	166K	Irving W Woodford	510K	Richard S Kuchera	853K	Margaret Ann Bertovich
024K	Br Joseph F Venonsky OSB	169P	Mary L Hodos	567K	Michael E Kubinsky Jr	855K	Paul M Matus
055K	Jane Doris Sklencar	181K	John W Burkholder	591K	Patricia Volkert	904K	Gayle Messerole
060K	Raymond J Buzek	200K	Martha S Cippel	682K	Joseph F Gleydura Jr	916K	Bonnie D Craig
085K	Francis J Leach	200K	Scott W Emmonds	706K	John J Gerberi	924K	Edna M Madendorf
085K	Lawrence Lukasik	200K	Sue A Skukalek	738K	Marie L Jones		
136K	Edward J Palmer	266K	Joseph J Bayzick	738K	William D Rubinsak		
152K	Eleanor Ann Hogan	292K	John P Elias	756K	Joseph A Zachar		

*Processed through the month of June

OBITUARIES

FRANK J. DOMIN

BRANCH 293 – LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

Frank J. Domin, age 87 of Mt. Ephraim, NJ, passed away on April 7, 2016. Beloved husband of Frances P. (nee Benech) Domin for 65 years; devoted father of Joanne (Bill) Clemente, Frank Jr. (Sue) Domin, Susan (Michael) Mason, and Joseph (Sharon) Domin; loving grandfather of 11; loving great grandfather of nine; also loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Domin was born in Coaldale PA, and proudly served his country in active and reserve military service for over 40 years - enlisting in the Army for the first time at age 17 and finally retiring from active duty at age 60. Long time 1st Sergeant with the 357th Chemical Company, he attended Penn State and Drexel Universities, and worked as an engineer for RCA Camden, and as a civilian employee for the Department of Defense at the Brittan USAR Center Camden. Long time Commander of East Camden VFW Post 705 which recently merged with Gloucester City Post 3620. He also served as Treasurer of Pennsauken Army/Navy Union Garrison 51, and was a member of the Collingswood Senior Citizens, Am Vets 101, and the Knights of Columbus. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his viewing on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, from 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM at St Joachim Parish, Bellmawr, NJ, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00AM that same morning at the church. Interment was at New St. Mary's Cemetery, Bellmawr, NJ.

- Submitted by Frances Domin

MICHAEL JOSEPH NIC, JR.

BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON HTS, MICHIGAN

Michael Joseph Nic, Jr., passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday, March 21, 2016, at Hillcrest Nursing. He was born December 27, 1928 in Petoskey, MI, the son of Michael and Bernadine (Hutta) Nic. A longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muskegon Heights, he served as an altar boy growing up. Michael was a 1946 graduate of Muskegon Heights High School who served his country in Korea for the U.S. Army. He worked for Bennett Pumps from 1947-1990, both before and after the Korean War.

Michael was a generous man with many hobbies. He loved fixing bikes and making

wooden chairs and toys; but even more than making them, he enjoyed giving them away to family members, friends, and members of his community. He also enjoyed bird watching and building birdhouses and birdfeeders, which he also frequently gave away. He loved cooking and baking and trying new recipes, especially for scones. He also enjoyed fishing, duck carving, and picking wild berries.

Michael is survived by his sons David and Joel Nic; grandchildren Kathalyn Gensler-Nic, Karalyn, Aiden, and Fiona Nic; great-granddaughter Scarlett; and brothers and sisters Sister Michael Ann (Catherine), Dorothy Lakos, John Nic, and Marty Nic, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muskegon Heights with visitation preceding the service from 10-11 A.M. and luncheon following at 12:30 P.M. Final interment was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI.

- Submitted by David Nic

MICHAEL MICAK BRANCH 784 – MONTREAL, CANADA

Branch 784 mourns the sudden passing of one of its elders. Michael Micak passed away on January 25, 2016, at the age of 90.

Beloved husband of Anne (Cizmar) and devoted father to Susan (John Lovasik), Irene (Karl Bauer), Michael (Kristy), and Peter. Grandfather to eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was one of the pillars of the Slovak community in Montreal - a devoted Christian, proud member of Branch 784, and a man proud of his parish and of his Slovak heritage.

He was a lifetime member of Branch 784 and served as an officer and/or president for 35 years. He was a warden of the Sts. Cyril and Method Parish for over 30 years, and was instrumental in the sale of the parish on St. Denis Street and the purchase of the parish at its present location. He was involved in the planning and renovations to the parish rectory, being a hands-on type of person. He personally supervised the progress from beginning to end. In his prime he would organize parish dinners as well as social activi-

ties both at the branch and church level. In his later years he was a great historian and an eloquent speaker at many ceremonial activities, and his devotion to our branch and the Slovak community will be sadly missed.

May the good Lord grant you the peace which you so aptly deserve.

- Submitted by Alice Dobrik, Branch 784 President, on behalf of all branch members.

PAUL MICHAEL MATUS, SR.

BRANCH 855 – PARMA, OHIO

On April 18, 2016, Paul Michael Matus, Sr. passed away peacefully at home, on the farm where he was raised, surrounded by family. He was 94 years of age. On December 20, 1921, in Lakewood, OH, he was born to Paul P. and Mary (Molchan) Matus, the third of five brothers and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Martin, Steve and Edward; sisters, Mary (Matus) Leslie and Irene (Matus) Wohleber.

In 1930, during the Great Depression, through hard work and savings, his father purchased a farm in Camden Township and moved his family there. Paul graduated from Camden High School (1941) and was the first of his family to go to college. He hitchhiked to Columbus, to enroll at the Ohio State University in Agricultural Engineering where he played football for the legendary Paul Brown and was on the 1942 National Championship Team.



After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army Air Force, becoming a 1st Lieutenant and B-26 Marauder Bomber pilot with the 391st Bomb Group 9th Air Force. His plane was shot down during the 1944 Battle of the Bulge. In May of 1945, the Stalag Luft I camp where he was taken after capture was liberated by Russian Cossacks, wielding swords and riding in on horses. He received a Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and numerous other medals.

When he returned from the war, he married Eleanor Grimmer in 1947 and built his home on the original family farmstead, where he and his wife raised six children.

He was employed at the Ridge Tool Company in Elyria for 38 years, beginning in the factory and retiring in 1983 from the data processing division, where he had helped to develop a system utilizing these new machines called computers.

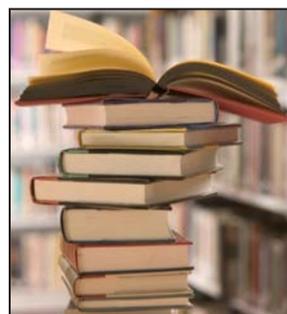
He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Eleanor (Grimmer) Matus; children, Paula (Bill) Cousins, Marsha (Ed) von Hofen, Dr. Paul (Linda) Matus, Craig (Deb) Matus, Jean (Mike) Paskert and Debbie Davidson (Pete Yaworsky); loving brother, Robert (Germaine) Matus and dear sister, Theresa Wukie; sister-in law, Grace Matus; brother-in-law, Robert Wohleber, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was a lifetime parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wakeman, OH.

According to his wishes, a private family Mass and Memorial Service was planned.

- Submitted by Eleanor Matus

A Newly Updated Resource for Slovak-related Topics



Interested in reading more about Slovakia? Now, thanks to Fr. Gerald J. Sabo, S.J., of John Carroll University, a central list of publications with Slovak-related topics has been newly updated for 2016.

This handy list includes ISBN numbers for those books published in Slovakia - which makes for easier identification when searching for them at the library or online. Websites for locating remaindered and used books, and where to purchase them, are included at the end of the file, as well.

Go to www.fcsu.com and click on Slovakia & The World tab to access this list.

Or, for more information, please contact Fr. Gerald Sabo at

gsabo@jcu.edu.

The Federated Slovak Society of Milwaukee, WI, invites all members of Knights of Sts. Mary & Joseph, Branch 89, of the First Catholic Slovak Union in the Milwaukee area to join us!


**86th Annual
Slovak-American Day**

Sunday, July 24, 2016
Croatian Park-9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, WI
Park opens at 11:00 a.m. - Free admission

PROGRAM

12:00 Noon	Holy Mass	Children's Activities
1:00-2:30	Music for dancing-The Ed Hause Band	3:30-5:30 Music for dancing
2:30-3:30	Welcome: Ralph Hass-President Singing of the National Anthems Presentation of Slovak Dancers & Drillers	5:00 pm Raffle drawings

Tatra Slovak Dancers: Andy Tiarks & Patty Baier-Jankowski – Youth Directors
Marjorie Chepp – Teen Directress
Andy Tiarks & Allison Hickling – Adult Directors

Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers Lisa Hoeck – Physical Directress, Tricia Radtke – Assistant
Brad Hoeck – Physical Director

~Hot food, homemade bakery & refreshments available, featuring Slovak beer
Plenty of tables and benches – park management **does not allow grills**
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Raffle Tickets \$1.00 - Available from Societies or at the Park

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Food available for purchase. Sunday, September 4, Polka Dance, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., \$5.00 at door. Food available for purchase. Sunday, September 18, 595 Branch: meeting, 2 p.m. Sunday, September 25, Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon, all you can eat and the best breakfast in town. Refreshments every Tuesday and Thursday, .50 off. Hours are Mon-Fri 1 p.m.- 8 p.m., Sat 12 noon-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy yourself!

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Susan Hornik, Secretary

**BRANCH 633 –
MT. MORRIS, MICHIGAN**

Branch 633 is pleased to announce our annual Branch activity is scheduled for Friday night August 19th @ 7pm. We are going to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Boston Red Sox at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI. We need to know as soon as possible how many members are going to be with us for this fun fraternal event. If you wish to join us please contact me via email: roderickm@comcast.net before August 1st in order for the Branch to arrange seats together in the same section. We plan to meet at the Will Call window outside the stadium @ 6pm August 19th.

Rod Meloni, President

**BRANCH 796 –
EGYPT, PENNSYLVANIA**

Holy Trinity Society, Branch: 796, Egypt, Pennsylvania, will hold a meeting Sunday, August 14, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will held at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 4464 Main Street, Egypt, Whitehall, PA. 18052. All members are encouraged to attend.

On the agenda will be a discussion on the

upcoming District meeting, and other general Branch business.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Fabian, Recording Secretary

**BRANCH 844 –
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold their Annual Slovak Father's Day Mass on June 19, 2016, at the John Paul II Polish Center located at 3999 Rose Drive, Jorba Linda, CA 92886. Mass begins at 1:00PM with a Slovak lunch being served after the Mass. Also following the festivities, Branch: 844 will hold a meeting to review officers and discuss Branch: activities.

We hope to see you all there and would like to wish everyone a very special Father's Day.

Fraternally yours,
Milan Konkol, Financial Secretary

**BRANCH 856 –
WASHINGTON D.C. AND AREA**

The officers of Branch 856 would like to invite all its members and Slovaks living in the area to attend Mass on September 18, 2016, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue N.E. Washington, D.C. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM in the Crypt Church. This will be the 51st Anniversary of the dedication of our Slovak Chapel, Our Mother of Sorrows. After Mass Branch 856 will host the annual meeting for delegates of District 8 of The First Catholic Slovak Union in the meeting room there at the shrine. For more information call Marion Mistrik at 301-654-5638 or Stephen Matula at 703-671 3013.

Katherine Nowatkoski, Financial Secretary

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Magdaléna - the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

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Chalupecký noted that the Richnava parish also owned property in nearby Kaľava as well as in Hrišovce, a small village north of Richnava, which also happens to be my maternal grandmother's hometown.

Richnava built its own church on the site of the old foundation in the current village and christened it St. Michael the Archangel in 1771. But we know that grand pilgrimages continued at the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene well into the 19th century. In addition to Richnava area participation, evidence and photos show that pilgrims came with banners from Spišské Vlachy, Kropachy, Slovinky and Slatvina. The chapel contained three altars, one to St. Mary Magdalene, as well as to St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas.

Additional canonical visitations in 1804 and 1831 occurred, and these did make mention of the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene. By 1876, the chapel required some renovations because in that year Pastor Ladislav Popovics had to melt down the bell to raise funds. A major overhaul of the chapel in the neo-gothic style proceeded in 1895, funded by the noble Csáky family. Changes included the building of a funeral chapel inside, where the remains of the former Spiš governor (hlavný župan), Anton Vincent Csáky, were interred. Chalupecký found it interesting that his Petronella, who had died in Vienna in 1861, did not have her remains moved there, but only that their nursemaid, Henrietta Köppe, who had passed away in 1870. In the choir was placed the Csáky family coat of arms and the neo-gothic altar of St. Mary Magdalene.

Jozef Franko found that the chapel received one more renovation in 1920, but much of it was destroyed from conflict during the Second World War. It lay in ruins until 1961. Since then, Richnava residents have been continually renovating the chapel.

Thus the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene remains an important religious, historical and pilgrimage site and is a fine representative of church architecture in the region of Spiš. Whether it was a monastery or parish church at one time remains unclear, and only archaeological research might help us unearth more clues to its past history by finding remnants of a former foundation and/or the parish cemetery, which usually was adjacent to any parish church.

Pilgrimages Continue

The annual pilgrimages to the Richnava site continue annually. Local residents posted some photos from the 2013 events, which can be viewed on the following website:

<http://tinyurl.com/j2xgs2g>

One can see from the photos that many of the pilgrims go to the site in a procession from nearby towns and villages. One can see people proceeding down the paths to the site, and some even pushing baby carriages. Because so many believers attend the event, the Mass is concelebrated by several priests outside the chapel under a tent to shield them from the sun and possible inclement weather. The faithful have benches to sit on, and others must stand since the seats are all taken.

The website also shows several photos from the interior, including the statue of St. Mary Magdalene behind the altar, and one of the Virgin Mary on the side for devotion. The coat of arms of the Csáky family and the plaques dedicated to Anton Vincent Csáky and Henrietta Köppe. The chapel of St. Mary Magdalene also had its bell tower recently renovated, so it appears much better than when I had first viewed it back in the communist era.

The chapel sits in a field which one may see in the distance from the train or the main road between Kropachy and Richnava. Every time that I see that chapel, it reminds me of



Branch 670 scholarship winner, Destyni Murray, is flanked by Dorothy Petrus, President (L) and Joseph Matinko, Treasurer (R).

Branch 670 Announces 2016 Scholarship Winners

Branch 670 of Donora, PA is excited to announce its 2016 Scholarship winners. Michael Hudak of Monongahela, PA will be attending Duquesne University pursuing a career in Supply Chain Management. Mariel Loughlin of Clark, NJ will be furthering her education in either Dance Therapy or Kinesiology. Destyni Murray of McKees Rocks, PA will be attending Chatham University in pursuit of a Physician Assistant career. Each was awarded a one-time \$1,000 Scholarship from the Branch.

- Submitted by Cheryl Hyatt, Branch 670 Secretary

my mother, my baba, and Aunt Mary who regularly made that pilgrimage to honor St. Mary Magdalene.

We should all remember St. Mary Magdalene on July 22, and pray for her intercession to our Lord so that we might follow the path of Jesus Christ as she did so faithfully.

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\$500 Award from New Jersey New York Fraternal Alliance Now Available



One of the most important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey New York Fraternal Alliance (NJNYFA) is its Youth Volunteer Award Program. Each year the NJNYFA chooses deserving young students from a member society, based on their volunteer achievements with their society as well as the community at large. Each award winner will receive \$500 with an additional \$500 award to their designated charity.

Applicants must be residents of NJ or NY, members of a Society within the NJNY Fraternal Alliance, and between 16 and 22 years of age at the time of the application. The deadline for submitting applications is September 2, 2016. All applications must be postmarked by that date.

To obtain application forms and supporting information, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union at 1-800-533-6682 or visit fcsu.com and click on the Scholarships tab.

Ohio Fraternal Alliance 2016 Scholarship Program Offers \$500 to Qualifying Graduating HS Seniors



The Ohio Fraternal Alliance (OFA) annually awards college scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. As a member of the OFA, First Catholic Slovak Union members who are Ohio residents and have graduated from high school in 2016 are eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, 2016. You can obtain an application, including requirement details, by contacting OFA Third Vice President Robert Tiell at either: 419-595-2756 (h); 419-934-0227 (c); or robertstiell@aol.com. Or by visiting fcsu.com and clicking on the Scholarship tab.

Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com



Branch 853's Charles Boone Sets Donation Record to Animal Shelter

Charles Boone, age 16 of Dormont, PA, set a record for the single largest donation to Animal Friends Inc, an animal shelter in the northern section of Pittsburgh - but the donation wasn't from him alone.

Charles accomplished this feat through the volunteer efforts and the donations of many. The residents of Dormont received on their door knob, a hanger which asked for donations for Animal Friends. Charles Boone took on this community-wide collection as his service project as he strives to earn the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. The sheltered animals at Animal Friends, were the real beneficiaries of his project.

Charles spearheaded the efforts by working on this for 2 consecutive weekends. The first day Charles' volunteers went door to door, dropping off door hangers which asked the residents of Dormont to donate to help Animal Friends. The next weekend, another group of volunteers, went to the houses and picked up the donations for the shelter.

The donations were varied and topped over 1700 individual items. He collected over 700 pounds of dry food. Pet food cans numbered in the hundreds. Blankets and towels topped over 300. It is only by the community's generous donations that Charles accomplished this record setting feat.

Charles says that there were many donations, too numerous to mention from the towns people that made him say "wow".

*It was the donation of beautiful towels which are actually better than the ones we use at home.

*It was the donation of half of a pack of doggie pee pads, and dog treats - this is something which it looks they could have been using for their own pets - they shared what they had.

*It was the cash donation of \$5 and coupons which brought a real lump in my throat - it was in a shaky hand written envelope - I am very grateful.

*It was a touching donation of dog harnesses and a handwritten note from a resident who said that their dog passed away, and they were hoping that it could be used by someone else.

*It was the donation where velour-soft blankets were purchased so that the animal in the shelter could feel the softness of someone's heart-felt love. I can imagine a dog snuggling up in.

*It was the donation of a single can of food - to the donation of 25 lbs bag of food.

*It was the donations in which people left a hand written note to me.

Along with this wonderful large donation to Animal Friends, there were smaller recycling projects within this main project. Since many of the items were given in plastic bags, the plastic bags were collected and put into the plastic bag recycling bin. Aluminum pop cans collected from the refreshment area at Charles' collection headquarters were recycled. Also Charles used many boxes to carry the donated items to Animal Friends. Marianne Rodacy of Charleroi and member of Branch 853 and aunt of Charles, picked up the empty boxes from the local Wines & Spirit Stores. In doing this, Charles recycled pop cans, plastic bags, and reused cardboard boxes thus doing his part for the environment and following the Boy Scout Outdoor Code says - "A scout is conservation minded".

Charles does more than say the words for scouts. He lives the ideals of the Boy Scouts.

Charles' entire family participates in Branch 853 and FCSU activities. He is the son of Ronald Boone Jr and Monica Rodacy Boone who formerly held the National Auditor and National Pension Board Trustee titles.

Charles' Eagle Scout project contribution to Animal Friends made more than an impact.

With the help of so many of the residents from Dormont who gave to Charles' project, his 600+ pounds of pet food and supplies was one of the major activities and deciding factors which helped Animal Friends win it's first \$10,000 Make A Difference Day Award from USA Today and Newman's Own. The shelter participated in the Make A Difference Day since 2012.

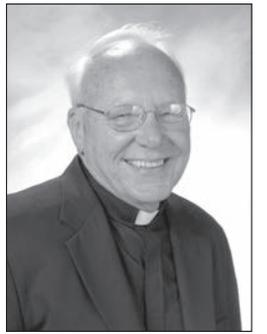
Congratulations on a very successful project as you strive for the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout.

Rev. Jerome Lajack Celebrates 50 Years as Priest

Rev. Jerome Lajack Celebrates 50 Years as Priest in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

Mass and Reception Mark the Pastor Emeritus' Service

Hundreds of family members, friends, former parishioners, clergy and religious crowded into St. Ladislav Parish in Westlake, Ohio on Sunday, May 22, 2016 as Father Jerome Lajack celebrated Mass marking the 50th jubilee anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Lajack's brother, Edward, concelebrated the Mass. Deacon Jim Armstrong gave the homily at the Jubilee Mass and spoke of Father Lajack's untiring dedication to his vocation as priest and the needs of the faithful over the past 50 years, and of Fr. Lajack's willingness to serve, even in retirement. A reception was held after Mass.



Father Lajack served at the pastor at St. Wendelin, a parish of Slovak heritage in Cleveland, Ohio from 1977 until he retired in 2010. As a senior pastor emeritus in the diocese, Father spends his time helping fill the liturgical needs of parishes throughout western portions of Northeast Ohio including St. Bernadette and St. Raphael parishes in Westlake, St. Julie Billiart in North Ridgeville and St. Joseph in Amherst.

Father Lajack grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and attended Sts. Cyril and Methodius parish grade school. He attended Borromeo High School and College in Wickliffe, Ohio, earning a Bachelor's Degree in liberal arts. He studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Theology Degree from Catholic University of America.

Father Lajack was ordained a priest for service in the Diocese of Cleveland by Bishop Clarence Isseman at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland on May 21, 1966. His first parish assignment came in 1966 as he was appointed associate pastor at St. Jude parish in Elyria, Ohio. In 1972, Father Lajack was assigned as associate pastor at St. Richard Parish in North Olmsted, Ohio. In June of 1977, Bishop James Hickey appointed Father Lajack pastor of St. Wendelin parish in Cleveland. He retired in 2010. Father is a member of Branch 1, Cleveland, OH.

Congratulations to Father Jerome Lajack. May God continue to bless him in his apostolic work.

St Matthew the Evangelist Annual Summer Festival to be Held in August



St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish, Minersville, PA, will sponsor its 9th Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at the South Cass Fire Company Picnic Grounds, Primrose, PA, from noon to 9:00PM.

Entertainment will include: Joe Stanky and His Cadets from 12:00 noon - 4:00PM; The New Individuals from 5:30PM - 9:00PM.

The festival will feature homemade food such as pierogi, halupki, kielbasa, halushki, bleepie, bean soup, sausage sandwiches, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, funnel cakes, ice cream, and more. There also will be games, bingo, basket auction, etc.

Ample, free parking is available.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, please contact St. Matthew the Evangelist Rectory at 570-544-2211.

- Submitted by Rev. Leo J. Maletz, Branch 924

Answer to Puzzle

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

EMBASSY SUITES, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

OPEN:

President Andrew Rajec opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., to lead the prayer.

Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Embassy Suites in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the joint meeting of the Jednota Properties, Inc. and Jednota, Inc. Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President
George F. Matta II, Treasurer
James Marmol, Regional Director (by invitation of the President)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES:

The Executive Secretary presented the minutes of the April 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Andrew Harcar, Sr. and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer gave a written report on the investment update.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:Investment Updates

The Executive Secretary submitted a written report to the Executive Committee on the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), the Matlin Patterson Fund (MPAM), UBS, MAI Fund, and Clutterbuck Fund. Following the report, the Executive Secretary answered the Executive Committee's questions.

Portfolio Review

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, found everything in order, and answered the Committee's questions.

Mortgages and Overdue Mortgages

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of April for the Committee's review and answered their questions.

Monthly Disbursements

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of April:

Disbursements for the month of April 2016:		
Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$	96,690.90
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$	56,975.81
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$	0.00
Trust Fund	\$	0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:AQS Management, Inc.

Larry White and Stephen Gonzalez, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented an extensive Investment Portfolio Transaction Report by telephone to the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee received a copy of the presentation in advance for their review. Following the report, Mr. White and Mr. Gonzalez answered the Executive Committee's questions.

Annuity Rates:

The President reviewed the current annuity rates and it was decided the rates will remain the same and they will be reviewed at the next meeting in June.

SALES AND MARKETING:

The Vice President gave a production report on our agents. He stated we are still recruiting new agents and at present have over 230 agents.

The Vice President stated a detailed instruction guide has been developed and sent to all Pennsylvania recommenders to assist them in going through the steps to apply for the fraternal license. If any recommender has a problem with the process, he or she is encouraged to contact the home office for help. In addition, home office personnel will attend various district meetings to explain the process.

The Vice President will continue to schedule seminars for 2016 and encourages the districts and branches to contact him concerning acceptable dates.

The Vice President announced the 2016 Membership Meet will be held in Las Vegas in November. Once all the arrangements are in place the information will be published in the Jednota.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The President stated he sent a memo to all Board Members concerning the property in Middletown, Pennsylvania asking for opinions and suggestions on the future of the property.

The President stated we are beginning to receive proposals from various hotels interested in handling our 2018 convention from the areas the Board of Directors had suggested.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President stated the second and third diskette from the series of four on Corporate Governance will be played at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

The President announced the building in Barberton, Ohio has been sold, monies have been received and a clear title was obtained and given to the new owner. The money received will be used to pay up all bills and taxes on the building.

REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:

Requests for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

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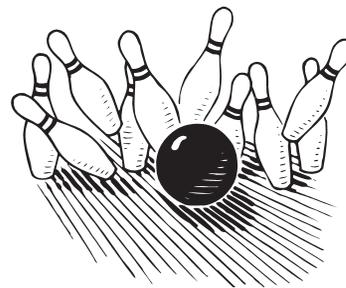
There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by George Matta II., to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The President asked Vice President Andrew Harcar, Sr., to close the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

Luis Palos, Winner of 74th Slovak Bowling Congress



Luis Palos of Lorain, OH, captured top honors in the Jednota All Events Bowling Sweepstakes at the 74th Slovak Bowling Congress of American Tournament, held recently at Stonehedge Lanes in Akron, OH.

Luis' winning score was 2101. His actual series was 1732 plus 369 handicap pins over the nine game total.

Congratulations to Brother Palos. A sincere Jednota "thank you" to all participants. Hope to see you in the Spring of 2017 at Bill White's Twin Star Lanes in Kent, OH.

- Submitted by Joe M. Harkulich, Secretary



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Správy zo Slovenska

Delegácie volia pred Bratislavou lety do Viedne

Väčšina zahraničných delegátov sa chystá počas predsedníctva Slovenskej republiky (SR) v Rade Európskej únie priletieť na letisko pri Viedni Schwechat a do Bratislavy prichádzať autami, alebo mikrobusedmi. Aj napriek tomu, že Bratislavské letisko posilnilo linky do Bruselu a medzi letiskom a centrom Bratislavy sa robí nový asfaltový koberec. Bratislavské letisko napreduje, ale stále je výrazne menšie ako viedenské letisko Schwechat. Kým z Bratislavy sa pravidelne lieta do 30 destinácií, susedný Schwechat má v ponuke 160 destinácií.

Pomalé železnice Slovákovi stačia

V niektorých európskych krajinách sa jazdí tristo kilometrov za hodinu - aj to len po Púchov. Šéf Výskumného ústavu dopravného Ľubomír Palčák vysvetlil, že rýchlosť vlaku závisí od trate, infraštruktúry a koľajníc. Slovensko je hornatá krajina, vlaky v ostrých zákrutách jednoducho nemôžu ísť rýchlejšie. Dalším faktorom je, na akú rýchlosť sú stavané vozne a lokomotívy.

Táto krása spala celých 40 rokov

Jaskyne patria k turisticky obľúbeným atrakciám. Do národnej prírodnej pamiatky Brestovskej jaskyne na Orave sa čoskoro vrátia turisti. V tejto jaskyni sa nachádza aktívny podzemný tok spolu s viacerými jazerami. Do jej sprístupnenia už investovali vyše 90.000 eur. Termín otvorenia zatiaľ nie je známy, ale ak všetko pôjde podľa plánu, prví turisti ju môžu obdivovať už v lete.

Muž, ktorý Británii ušetril miliardy, pomáha Slovensku

Tím britských odborníkov sa na Slovensku pozrel na verejné výdavky a prišiel na to, kde všade sa dá ušetriť. Vďaka revíziám sa tak Británii podarilo ročne usporiť desiatky miliárd libier. Ostrovy boli pionierom konceptu Hodnota za peniaze, ktorý hľadá spôsoby, ako môže štát spraviť za menej peňazí viac muziky. Na čele britského tímu stál Richard Hughes. Dnes ako predstaviteľ Medzinárodného menového fondu chodí po svete a radí krajinám, ako na to. A jeho služby využilo aj Slovensko, ktoré nedávno predstavilo svoju koncepciu Hodnota za peniaze. Slovensko má podľa neho dobre našliapnuté na veľké reformy.

Návštevm z Európskej únie neukážu Slovensko

Prvého júla sa začala sezóna najväčšej koncentrácie VIP návštevníkov, akú Slovensko zažilo. Počas slovenského predsedníctva v Rade má na Slovensko zavítať viac než 20.000 zahraničných politikov, diplomatov, úradníkov a novinárov. Slogan Good Idea Slovakia, ktorý pri tejto príležitosti vláda schválila, by sa však mohol prepísať na Good Idea Bratislava. Návštevm z Európskej únie neukážu Slovensko, lebo viac než 95 percent všetkých akcií bude totiž v hlavnom meste. Ostatným krajom zostane len niekoľko podujatí menšieho významu. Slovenské mestá sa budú môcť počas slovenského predsedníctva v Rade EÚ predviesť len vďaka stánkom v centre Bratislavy, v ktorých môžu predstaviť svoj kraj.

Po maďarsky na košickom letisku

V ostatnom čase košické letisko nie len v slovenčine, angličtine, ale už aj v maďarskom jazyku láka cestujúcich. Napriek tomu, že na miestnej železničnej stanici naďalej neplánujú umiestnenie dvojjazyčných nápisov, letisko sa predstavilo aj svojou maďarskou webovou stránkou. "Naša ponuka sa sústavne rozširuje. V súčasnosti prijímame lietadlá štyroch spoločností, ale o niekoľko dní začnú lietať z Košíc aj spoje spoločnosti Turkish Airlines, preto očakávame zvýšený počet cestujúcich aj zo zahraničia. Maďarskú internetovú stránku sme zaviedli preto, aby sa cestujúci z Maďarska mohli informovať v materinskom jazyku," uviedol pre denník šéf marketingového oddelenia košického letiska Juraj Tóth.

Slovensko má problém, príliš mnoho dôchodcov

Na penzie pracuje na Slovensku čoraz menej obyvateľstva. Za posledných desať rokov pribudlo u nás 125-tisíc dôchodcov. Pritom už v roku 2014 sme prekročili magickú miliónovú hranicu a penzistov stále pribúda. "Obyvateľstva v produktívnom veku od 18 do 64 rokov bude stále ubúdať. Do roku 2060 predpovedáme, že ich bude takmer o milión menej, ako je dnes a budú tvoriť iba niečo vyše 50 percent našej populácie", varuje demograf Boris Vaňo z Infostatu. Problém nastane podľa analytika INESS Radovana Ďuranu v rokoch 2014 až 2050. "Bude to vtedy, keď Husákové deti dosiahnu 65 rokov. Slovensko sa stane v priemernom veku obyvateľa jednou z najstarších krajín v únii", dodal Ďurana.

Tisíce absolventov sa zo zahraničia vrátia domov

V zahraničí študujú tisíce Slovákov. Ako je to s ich návratom domov? "Základný odhad opierajúci sa o náš výskum Brain drain 2014 je, že dva roky po ukončení vysokoškolského štúdia v zahraničí je naspäť na Slovensku približne 40 až 50 percent absolventov. Platí, že títo študenti majú prevažne vysokoškolsky vzdelaných rodičov. Navyše, čím vyššie je vzdelanie rodičov, tým častejšie ich potomkovia v zahraničí zostávajú. Naopak, čím je príjem rodiny vyšší, tým je vyššia pravdepodobnosť, že sa študent na Slovensko vráti", hovorí sociológ Miloslav Bahna, ktorý sa venuje téme migrácie. Za spoločného menovateľa migrácie zo Slovenska z prelomu 19. a 20. storočia považuje ekonomickú motiváciu.

Metropolita Ján Babjak vysvätil v Prešove siedmich diakonov

V Katedrále sv. Jána Krstiteľa v Prešove vysvätil v polovici júna prešovský arcibiskup a metropolita Ján Babjak SJ počas svätej liturgie siedmich diakonov, z ktorých jeden je z Rádu sv. Bazila Veľkého. „Zo srdca vám žičim, aby ste oplývali darmi Svätého Ducha, o ktorých hovorí dnes sv. apoštol Pavol v Liste Galaťanom: láska, radosť, pokoj, zhovievavosť, láskaivosť, dobrota, vernosť, miernosť a zdŕzanlivosť. Tieto dary môžu byť pre vás každodenným spytovaním svedomia. Veriaci od vás očakávajú, že budete odborníkmi na duchovný život," povedal počas homílie Babjak. Novými diakonmi sa stali Marek Baran, Pavol Dancák, Dušan Chapčák, Jozef Mačejovský, Ján Marčák, Ján Slobodník a Teodóz Simeon Šniř OSBM. Kňazské vysviacky sa konali v Bazilike minor v Ľutíne v okrese Sabinov.

Predajcovia televízorov majú opäť Vianoce, vďaka športu

Majstrovstvá sveta v hokeji, majstrovstvá Európy vo futbale, letné olympijské hry a mnoho ďalších. Tento rok priniesie dokopy viac športových podujatí ako obyčajne a väčšina fanúšikov bude uďalosti na ihriskách, ľadoch, trávnikoch či antukách sledovať pred televíznou obrazovkou. Predajcovia elektroniky neskrývajú radosť. Pozitívny vplyv športu na dopyt po televízoroch potvrdili všetci oslovení predajcovia. Rok 2016 tak možno nadnesene označiť za zlatú baňu. Obchodníci si tohtoročnú šancu plne uvedomujú a o čo najväčší počet zákazníkov bojujú rôznymi spôsobmi.

Výber zo slovenskej tlače

Na Mariánsku horu v Levoči putovali ctitelia Panny Márie

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osobitnou schopnosťou prijímať človeka v jeho konkrétnosti a vie mu silnejšie ako muž venovať pozornosť. Vidí človeka srdcom. Vidí ho v jeho veľkosti i v jeho obmedzeniach. Snaží sa mu ísť v ústrety a byť mu pomocou."

Vytrvalosť rozrastajúceho sa zástupu pútnikov preveril dážď a vietor už počas svätej omše ozbrojených síl a zborov Slovenskej republiky, ktorej predsedal a kázal ordinár Mons. František Rábek. Sobotňajší večer i noc sa však niesli v duchovnej predchutej atmosfére spoločenstva zjednoteného na modlitbách, sledujúceho pestrý program prvého dňa tohtoročnej levočskej púte.

Apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku arcibiskup Mons. Mario Giordana v úvodnom príhovore vyjadril svoju radosť zo stretnutia s pútnikmi v levočskej mariánskej svätyni a tlmočil prítomným pozdrav svätého otca Františka. V kázni niekoľko ráz citoval slová starozákonného proroka Sofoniáša a povzbudil pútnikov, aby naďalej rozvíjali aj upevňovali svoju lásku i dôveru k Božej Matke.

Organizátori odhadli celkový počet účastníkov tohtoročnej levočskej púte na zhruba štyristotisíc osôb. Štatistický informačný výstup sa sumarizoval problematcky, lebo noc a nedeľa sa niesli v znamení značného pohybu odchádzajúcich aj prichádzajúcich účastníkov. Navzdory nestálemu počasiu prichádzalo najmä v sobotu k Bazilike Navštívenia Panny Márie veľa mladých rodín s deťmi.

Mimoriadny rok svätého milosrdenstva zarezonoval v neutíchajúcom záujme pútnikov o svedč. Svätosť zmierenia permanentne vysluhovalo bezmála dvesto kňazov od soboty rána až do skončenia púte. Tohto roku síce počet účastníkov hlavnej levočskej púte nelámala rekordy, no priniesol vzácnu skúsenosť: srdcia pútnikov oddaných Panne Márii neschladil dážď ani vietor.

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Turistika a Slovensko

Turistika je dôležitým, niekde aj hlavným zdrojom štátnych príjmov, a preto si zasluhuje náležitú pozornosť a jeho podporu zo strany štátu. Pre Slovensko bol doposiaľ najúspešnejší rok 2015, keď podľa údajov v masmédiách získalo z turistiky 4 miliardy eur a navštívilo ho 4 miliardy 300 tisíc zahraničných turistov: z Číny 28.000, z Poľska 160.000, z Českej republiky 830.000...

Každá krajina má niečo pozoruhodné a zaujímavé kvôli čomu ju turisti navštevujú. Výnimkou nie je ani v Európe nachádzajúce sa, a svojou rozlohou pomerne malé, Slovensko (5,5 milión), ktoré bolo vyše tisíc rokov súčasťou Uhorska, neskôr Rakúsko-Uhorska a po jeho rozpade v r. 1918 sa stalo spoločným štátom Čechov a Slovákov. V r. 1991 došlo však k jeho rozdeleniu a k vytvoreniu samostatného Slovenska.

Boli ste už na Slovensku? Ak nie, vyberte sa tam so mnou a spoznávajte, čím je ono pre turistov zaujímavé. Podľa prieskumu sú tam z viacerých lokalít najpríťažlivejšie, najzaujímavejšie a najviac navštevované destinácie: Vysoké a Nízke Tatry, Liptov a Bratislava. Nuž ponavštevujeme ich postupne a všimajme si, čo ich tam priťahuje, láka, vábi.

Vysoké Tatry

Motto: Krásne je v Tatrách, tam hore na vysokých skalách, na kosodrevinách a stráňach, v hlbokých tichých dolinách. Krásne je v Tatrách, tam hore nad voňavým lesom, vysoko nad Skalnatým plesom v hlbokých strmých roklínach.

Vysoké Tatry, najvyššie pohorie v Karpatoch tiahnuce sa v dĺžke 26 km, sú popri Alpách jedinými veľhorami v Európe. Pôvodne dosahovali výšku nad 3000 m, no v dobe ľadovej ich silné prúdy ľadu rozrušovali, obrusovali až vytvorili tak dnešné skalné steny s 35 dolinami. Z doby ľadovej sa nám zachovali ešte 3 ľadovce: v Medenej doline, v Ľadovej doline a na severnej strane Ľadového štítu.

Výrazným znakom zľadovatenia Vysokých Tatier je aj vyše 90 plies. Medzi najväčšie patria: Hincovo pleso (18,19 ha) s hĺbkou 53,2 m a Štrbské pleso (17,15 ha). Najvyššie položeným, 2180 m nad morom, je Modré pleso v Malej Studenej doline.

Najrozsiahlejšou prírodnou rezerváciou Vysokých Tatier s rozlohou 130.000 ha, je Tatranský národný park (TANAP), na ploche ktorého sa nachádza vyše 300 štítov. Medzi najväčšie patrí Gerlachovský štít - v období totalitného štátu Stalinov štít (2655m), Lomnický štít (2632 m), Ľadový štít (2630 m)... Medzi najviac navštevované a najobľúbenejšie patria však aj Rysy /2503 m/, odkiaľ je nádherný pohľad na okolité končiare a Kriváň (2496 m), na ktorý sa od 16. 8. 1841 každoročne konajú výstupy - národné púte. Medzi prvými pútnikmi boli aj známe osobnosti Slovenska: národní buditeľia a vlastenci: Ľudovít Štúr a M. M. Hodža.

Ozdobou Vysokých Tatier sú aj vodopády. Najväčší je Kmeťov vodopád (80 m), no na vodu sú najbohatšie Studenovodské vodopády.

Vysoké Tatry sú zvláštne a zaujímavé aj vysokohorskou klímou, ktorá blahodárne pôsobí na ľudský organizmus a nedá sa ničím iným nahradiť. V tamojších sanatóriách sa liečia po celý rok choroby: TBC, Basedowova choroba, astma, nervové choroby, dýchacie cesty...

Pre Vysoké Tatry je príznačná aj inverzia - zmena počasia. Zatiaľ čo sa v dolinách prefaľujú oblaky a hustá hmla, vo vysokých polohách žiari slnko. Najkrajší pohľad na tatranské končiare býva aj v jeseni, ak nie sú zahalené hmlou ani oblakmi. V lete pri dobrom počasi je tam nádherný pohľad na východ a západ slnka.

Vysoké Tatry inšpirovali aj umelcov. Básnik Samo Tomášik napísal báseň: Kolo Tatier čierava, blýska, bije hrom..., Janko Matuška báseň Nad Tatrou sa blýska, hromy divo bijú..., ktorá sa po zhudobnení stala našou hymnou...

Vysoké Tatry sú krásne aj koncom jari, keď sa spod snehu začínajú objavovať šafrany a enciány, ale predovšetkým v júni - júli, keď kvitnú sasanky, zvončeky, klinčeky, ľalie...

No sú aj nebezpečné, čo potvrdzuje tamojší symbolický cintorín. Každý rok tam dochádza k úrazom, žiaľ aj k smrti turistov väčšinou pre nerešpektovanie turistických značiek, príkazov a zákazov, ale aj sklznutia, náhle zmeny počasia, blesky, riskovanie...

Nuž také sú naše veľhory, zaujímavé, lákavé a hojne navštevované v každom ročnom období. **Andrej Štelmák, Sliac**



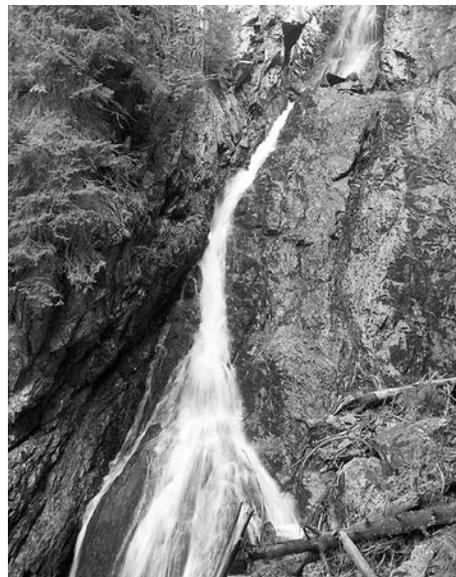
Štrbské pleso.



Kamzík.



Svišť.



Kmeťov vodopád.



Lanovka-zubačka.



Plesnivec.

Oznámenia spolkov a spoločenské podujatia

Výstava "Krásy Slovenska" na generálnom konzuláte v New Yorku

Pri príležitosti nadchádzajúceho slovenského predsedníctva v Rade Európskej únie od 1. júla 2016 pripravil generálny konzulát v New Yorku výstavu „Krásy Slovenska“. Návštevníci generálneho konzulátu majú možnosť vzhliadnuť túto výstavu v našich priestoroch počas úradných hodín.

Slovenský deň vo Franklin, WI

V nedeľu 24. júla usporiadajú Slovenské spolky v Milwaukee 86. Slovenský deň v Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th Street vo Franklin, WI. O 12.00 hodine bude sv. omša. O 2.30 začne bohatý kultúrny program, v ktorom sa krátkym programom predstavia mladí športovci 4. župy Slovenského katolíckeho sokola a bohatým programom slovenských ľudových tancov sa prestaví skupina Tatra Slovak Dancers. O 6.00 hodine bude hrať hudba do tanca. Počas dňa budú pripravené hry pre deti. Na predaj budú slovenské a americké jedlá a domáce koláče. Vstupné je bezplatné.

Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine do West Haverstraw, NY

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty v New York City Vás pozýva na tradičnú slovenskú katolícku púť v nedeľu dňa 14. augusta 2016 do Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, New York 10993. Spoveď bude pred slovenskou svätou omšou, ktorá bude o 11.00 hodine dopoludnia. Obed bude nasledovať o 12.30 hodine dopoludnia. Ružencová procesia začne o 2:30 hodine dopoludnia. Bližšie informácie Vám podajú: Jozef Bilik (718) 353 - 6541; Henrieta Daitová (201) 641-8922. Kto má záujem na túto púť cestovať autobusom, ktorý bude pristanený pri kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, má sa prihlásiť u Márii Božekovej (347)612-1934. Autobus bude k dispozícii ak bude dostatočný počet záujemcov.

39. Slovenský festival v New Jersey v Mercer County Park 2. októbra

Výbor Festivalu slovenského dedičstva v New Jersey oznamuje, že tohoročný festival sa po prvý raz nebude konať v PNC Arts Center v Holmdel, NJ, ale v Mercer County parku v obvode mesta West Windsor, NJ. Výbor festivalu vybral tento park ako najvhodnejšie miesto pre ďalšie festivaly po tom, čo vedenie nadácie, ktorá spravuje PNC Arts Center oznámilo, že sa už v tomto centre nemôžu konať etnické alebo iné festivaly. Mercer County má javisko, oplotené priestory pre festival a v prípade potreby aj hokejovú arénu. V blízkosti parku sú silné slovenské komunity. 39. Festival slovenského dedičstva sa bude konať v nedeľu 2. októbra. Výbor festivalu bude slovenskú verejnosť priebežne informovať.

Koncert vo Vatikáne

Vo vatikánskej Bazilike sv. Praxedy zaznelo 21. júna 2016 hudobné dielo Eubomíra Hornáka Dvaja bratia Cyril a Metod. V chráme, ktorý stojí na miestach historicky spätých s rímskym pobytom sv. Cyrila- Konštantína a sv. Metoda vystúpili sólisti Sisa Lelkes – Sklovská, Dušan Jarjabek a Otokar Klein, verše Milana Rúfusa, Daniela Heviera a Mariána Brezňaniho prednesol Jozef Šimonovič a spoluúčinkoval dievčenský zbor pod vedením dirigenta Adriana Kokoša.

Podujatie bolo venované sviatku vierozvestcov Európy a štátnemu sviatku Slovenskej republiky, ale predovšetkým bolo jedným z podujatí, sprevádzajúcich prevzatie predsedníctva v Rade Európy. Záštitu nad koncertom prevzali minister kultúry Slovenskej republiky Marek Maďarič a emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov, slovenský kardinál Jozef Tomko. Na koncerte sa zúčastnila aj oficiálna slovenská delegácia vedená predsedom Národnej rady Slovenskej republiky Andrejom Dankom.

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Kniha spomienok Testimonium hoc verum est

Niekoľko slov o predstavovanej knihe: Kniha spomienok Testimonium hoc verum est vychádza k deväťdesiatinám jedného z našich najznámejších historikov, katolíckeho kňaza-saleziána, univerzitného profesora Milana S. Ďuricu, čestného člena Slovenského ústavu v Ríme, ktorý sa aj vo svojom vysokom veku teší dobrému zdraviu, jasnej myslí a pracuje v plnom tvorivom nasadení.

Knihu pre vydavateľstvo Post Scriptum prichystal historik Jozef Rydlo, člen Slovenského ústavu v Ríme. Vyšla ako 39. zväzok špičkovej knižnej edície Libri Historia Slovaciae. Na 416 stranách sa zišlo 55 autoriek i autorov zo Slovenska i zo zahraničia, ktorí pri tomto vzácnom životnom jubileu spontánne spomínajú na človeka, ktorý našim národným dejinám vrátil ich slovenskú tvár. Spomínajú na „prvorodeného brata z jedenástich“, na „skutočne príkladného kňaza-saleziána“, na priateľa, na spolužiaka, na kolegu, na „deväťdesiatročného profesora“, na „padovského školiteľa“, na exulanta, na „odhaľovateľa pravdy v slovenských dejinách“, na „historika, ktorý vedel kde je sever“, na „symbol zmeny, ktorá nenastala“, „na jedného z najstatočnejších synov nášho národa“... Medzi prispievateľmi nájdeme autorov ako kardinál Korec, biskupi Dominik Hrušovský, Viliam Judák a Štefan Vrabec, intelektuáli Július Binder, Peter Liba, Ján Szelepcsényi, básnici Blažej Belák, Teofil Klas a Teodor Križka, historici Tomáš Černák, Pavol Demjanič, Martin Homza, Martin Lacko, Róbert Letz, Beáta Katrebová, Jozef Šimonovič, Peter Zubko, jazykovedci Ján Kačala a Darina Vergesová, pádovskí študenti Mirella De Martiniová, Margita Guidiová, Ján Hnilica, Marta Jedličková, Ema Maggiová, Stanislava Moyšová, Jozef Rydlo, vydavateľka Anna Kolková ... a ďalší.

V knihe sú zaradené aj dve štúdie staršieho dáta o živote a diele Milana S. Ďuricu z pera niekdajšieho profesora románskej filológie Slovenskej univerzity v Bratislave Ernesta Žatku a z pera Agostina Viscu, ktorý dlhé roky prednášal slovenský jazyk a literatúru na štátnej univerzite v Ríme a venoval sa literárnej komparatistike.

Knižnú „kyticu vďaky, obdivu a úcty slovenskému historikovi Milanovi S. Ďuricovi“ skrášľujú ilustrácie akademickej maliarky Jany Bergerovej z Prahy, akademickeho sochára Alexandra Ilečku a nebohého parížskeho medailéra Viliama Schiffera.

Niet pochybností o tom, že táto kniha je obohatením slovenskej historiografickej literatúry.

Podujatie v Zičho paláci 14. apríla pripravila mestská časť hlavného mesta Bratislava-Staré Mesto v spolupráci s Úniou slovenských spisovateľov, umelcov a kultúrnych tvorcov žijúcich mimo územia Slovenska, Slovenským ústavom v Ríme, Ústavom dejín kresťanstva v Slovenskej republike, občianskym združením Libri Historiae a bratislavským vydavateľstvom Post Scriptum.

Uvedenie novej knihy memoárov J. Vilčeka „Love and Science: A Memoir“

Generálny konzulát v New Yorku usporiadal 21. júna 2016 diskusný večer s profesorom Jánom Vilčekom pri príležitosti uvedenia jeho novej knihy memoárov „Love and Science: A Memoir“, ktorý otvoril minister zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí SR Miroslav Lajčák pri príležitosti jeho pracovnej cesty do New Yorku.

Vo svojom príhovore minister M. Lajčák ocenil vedecké úspechy a filantropiu J. Vilčeka a poďakoval mu za to, že je vynikajúcim vzorom pre mladých profesionálov. Večer pokračoval v moderovanom rozhovore s J. Vilčekom. Podujatie sa uskutočnilo na rezidencii veľvyslanca SR pri OSN v New Yorku pri príležitosti nadchádzajúceho slovenského predsedníctva v Rade Európskej únie.

Prof. MUDr. Ján Vilček, PhD. patrí medzi popredné svetové kapacity v oblasti imunologického a mikrobiologického výskumu, je jedným z najúspešnejších Slovákov v USA. Narodil sa v Bratislave, štúdium absolvoval na Lekárskej fakulte Univerzity Komenského, kde sa stal aj kandidátom vied. Pracoval najskôr vo Virologickom ústave akadémie vied, potom v roku 1964 emigroval do USA, kde získal miesto na Lekárskej fakulte New York University. Výsledky jeho práce priniesli výrazný pokrok pri liečbe artritídy a ďalších autoimunitných chorôb.

Profesor Vilček spolu s manželkou Maricou venovali New York University dar v odhadovanej výške 100 miliónov dolárov; zdrojom ich daru boli práva, ktoré profesorovi Vilčekovi prislúchajú z liekov vyvinutých na základe jeho výskumu, predovšetkým z lieku Remicade. Ján Vilček prevzal v roku 2013 od prezidenta Obamu ocenenie National Medal of Technology and Innovation, najvýznamnejšie ocenenie, ktoré je v krajine možné získať za oblasť technologického pokroku.

Minister Lajčák mu v roku 2010 udelil v Bratislave ocenenie Goodwill Envoy. V roku

2014 mu Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave udelila titul doctor honoris causa. Ich nadácia Vilček Foundation, ktorú založili v roku 2000, oceňuje každoročne imigrantov, ktorí prispeli americkej spoločnosti prostredníctvom svojich mimoriadnych úspechov v biomedicíne alebo v umení. Vo februári 2016 vyšla profesorovi Vilčekovi autobiografia „Love and Science: A Memoir“. Čoskoro by mala byť kniha vydaná aj na Slovensku.

MZV SR



Nové Zámky oslavovali materčinu i krásu slovenskej zeme po 24. raz

Prvé júnové týždne každoročne signalizujú školákovi, že onedlho budú za svoju celoročnú snahu odmenení vysvedčením. Určujú tiež malým i veľkým, že prichádza čas žatvy plodov, ktoré sadili v čase skoršej jesene, chránili počas dlhej zimy a polievali v období sivej jari.

Jedným z pomyselných žatevných polí úspechu je aj každoročne usporiadaný slávnostný ceremoniál súťaže s medzinárodnou účasťou „Prečo mám rád slovenčinu, prečo mám rád Slovensko...“

Odborné poroty tvorené pätnástimi porotcami posudzovali 547 prác. Viac ako pätinu súťažných prác tvorili slohy našich krajanov, ktorí z roka na rok svoje úsilie citeľne zlepšujú a táto kategória kvantitatívne narastá.

Nemalý diapazón krajanov... Od najmenších, až po dospelých... Chváliaci, i kritickí... No vždy milujúci slovenskú reč i krajinu. Niekedy tieto emócie zachytávajú riadky, inokedy verše. Mladí autori so srdcom na dlani rok čo rok vyznávajú domovine svojich predkov nebyvalú škálu citov, prinášajú postrehy, myšlienky i spomienky.

Tak, ako každý rok, Úrad pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí ocenením krajanom a vybraným pedagógom pripravil niekoľkodňový program, ktorého cieľom bolo odmeniť tých najlepších výnimočným darom – zážitkom. V niekoľkodňovom programe, ktorý je azda najsilnejším hnacím motorom a najväčšou odmenou pre krajanov mládež, študenti spoznali Bratislavu, Senec i Nové Zámky.

Slávnostný ceremoniál tento rok opäť zabezpečil Miestny odbor Matice slovenskej v Nových Zámkoch a Základná škola na Nábřežnej ulici v Nových Zámkoch. Pre hostí pripravili neopakovateľný kultúrny zážitok zložený z hovoreného slova, folklóru, operného spevu i divadelného umenia.

Za dvadsiatym štvrtým ročníkom súťaže sa zatvorili dvere. No o rok súťaž bude jubilovať pri svojej prvej štvrtstoročnici. Záštitu nad ňou preberie predseda parlamentu Andrej Danko.

Zuzana Pavelcová



Slovenský cyklista Peter Sagan z tímu Tinkoff v žltom drese pre vedúceho pretekára oslavuje na pódiu po štvrtej etape 103. ročníka prestížnych cyklistických pretekov Tour de France zo Saumuru do Limoges 5. júla 2016. Slovenský cyklista Peter Sagan obsadil tretie miesto v utornajšej 4. etape Tour de France a obhájil žltý dres pre lídra celkového poradia.

Peter Sagan of Slovakia, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, celebrates on the podium after the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 237.5 kilometers (147.3 miles) with start in Saumur and finish in Limoges, France, Tuesday, July 5, 2016.



FOTO TASR/ (AP/Peter Dejong)

Jerry Jaroslav Krúpa Ľudstvo nad priepastou

Milost'! Milost', Stvoriteľ náš!
Otec náš nebeský, k Tebe voláme.
Pomôž! Dlho sa ničíme, pravdu máš.
Pane zmiluj sa! Pokánie konáme.

Dopraj nám radosť ešte jednu.
Ešte nás trochu podrž.
Podrž tú planétu Tvoju biednu,
Ešte ruku trestajúcu zdrž!

Utekáme od Teba lebo nevieme čo činíme,
ale daj nám trochu času, ako zo sna zlého,
úprimne Ťa prosíme.
Snáď sa ľudstvo preberie z ošial'u strašného.

Mnohí, ktorí šíriť Tvoju múdrosť majú
Upadli do hriechu.
Namiesto k Tebe, k Satanovi sadajú.
Nie je nám do smiechu.

No, nie všetci, nie všetci sa šalejú.
Zmiluj sa Pane!
Žobrotíme k Tebe a máme nádej,
Že každý sa neutopí v morálnom bahne.

Upadli sme, ľudia! Sme zvrhlíci.
Proti sebe konáme.
So znakom Lucifera na líci
zúrivo, bezdušne po smrti voláme.

Hej, smrť ľudstvo dneska vyzýva
a život svojvoľne ničí.
Tupo do hmoty sa díva,
dieťa v matke v krčí smrteľnom kričí.

Štrngáme zbraňami. Zem, život zabíjame.
Dnes všetko zlé je vraj dobré.
Hriechy svoje vedome odmietame,
pritom pravda Božia u dverí Zeme žobre.

Odpusť nám Bože!
Netrestaj nás zvrhlosťou našich zbraní!
Nie naše bomby, rakety a laserové nože,
ale Tvoje svetlo na nás vrhni z Tvojich dlani.

Odpusť! Odpusť nám naše viny!
Ty nás miluješ Tvoj Syn nás učí.
Nájde sa desať spravodlivých medzi nami?
Kto z nás za to ručí?

(USA Independence Day, 2016)

Štyri produkty, vďaka ktorým si slovenské predsedníctvo zapamätá každý

Súčasťou každého predsedníctva v Rade EÚ sú prezentačné predmety určené pre zahraničné delegácie. Okrem pamätnej mince a poštovej známky s vôňou borovice sa Slovensko odprezentuje i prostredníctvom tradičných výrobkov, akými sú Bratislavské rožky, Žitavská paprika, Tokajské víno a Bošácka slivovica. Uvádza sa na stránke slovenského predsedníctva v Rade EÚ.

1. Bratislavské rožky - "Toto sladké pečivo je podľa doložených materiálov vychýrenou bratislavskou špecialitou už od 16. storočia a postupne sa preslávilo aj v okolitých metropolách. Sú typické bohatou orieškovou alebo makovou náplňou a intenzívnou, nezameniteľnou vôňou," uvádza sa na stránke s dodatkom, že pravé Bratislavské rožky sa vyrábajú len na Slovensku a sú zapísané ako tradičná špecialita.

2. Bošácka slivovica - Plody slivky z Bošáckej doliny obyvatelia pália na destilát už stáročia. "Bošácka slivovica sa kvalitou a povestnou intenzívnou chuťou preslávila už v 18. storočí a ako dar očarila Biely dom, Hollywood aj Kremel'," píše sa na stránke predsedníctva.

3. Žitavská paprika - Neoddeliteľnou súčasťou slovenskej kuchyne je paprika. EÚ práve tú Žitavskú registruje v zozname potravín s chránenou značkou pôvodu. "Tradičná Žitavská paprika sa pestuje v úrodných podmienkach Podunajskej nížiny a zachytáva úžasnú, pre Slovensko typickú rozmanitosť. Preslávila ju jej sladká, plná chuť. K výnimočnosti prispieva aj jej výrazná červeno-oranžová farba," uvádza sa.

4. Tokajské víno - Posledným gastronomickým výrobkom, ktorým sa bude Slovensko prezentovať, je Tokajské víno pochádzajúce z malej slovenskej oblasti s rovnomenným názvom Tokaj. "Je typické zlatistou farbou a znamenitou sladkou chuťou, ktorá na jazyku zanecháva medový nádych a ovocný arómu. Za jeho úspechom stoja tri výnimočné odrody viniča (Furmint, Lipovina a Muškát žltý), ako aj priaznivé klimatické podmienky, kvalita pôdy, na ktorej vinič zraje, a rokmi overené výrobné postupy," píše sa na stránke.



Four products were chosen to represent Slovakia at the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2016.

Slovenská liga informuje

Slovenský ústav v Clevelande opustili dve významné osobnosti

V priebehu dvoch týždňov Slovenský ústav v Clevelande prišiel o dvoch kľúčových pracovníkov – riaditeľa Andreja F. Hudáka a jeho asistenta Jozefa J. Hornacka. V práci sa dobre dopĺňali. A Hudák dobre poznal slovenský život v Amerike a v rôznych inštitúciách na spolokoch zastával významné funkcie. Jeho spolupracovník Jozef Hornack bol známym odborníkom v genealógii a v archivárstve.

Slovenský ústav spravuje Rehola slovenských benediktínov v Clevelande a mieni ho udržiavať aj v budúcnosti. Ústav založil v roku 1952 vtedajší opát Slovenských benediktínov a popredný americko-slovenský činiteľ Teodor Kojiš. O.S.B. v spolupráci so Slovenskou ligou v Amerike, ktorá darovala na jeho zriadenie 5,000 dolárov. Prvým riaditeľom bol slovenský historik Dr. František Hrušovský a po jeho smrti v roku 1956 sa stal riaditeľom spisovateľ Konštantín Čulen. Ten sa v r. 1960 presťahoval do New Yorku a riaditeľom sa stal o. Andrej Pier, O.S.B., ktorý ho viedol až do r. 2003, kedy prevzal vedenie Ústavu ako riaditeľ Andrej F. Hudák.

Andrej F. Hudák

Významný národný činiteľ v americkoslovenskom živote, Andrej F. Hudák ukončil svoju životnú púť 1. apríla 2016 po dlhšej chorobe. Narodil sa vo východoslovenskej obci Kecerovské Pekľany 22. augusta 1928. Do Spojených štátov emigroval v roku 1947 a usadil sa v Clevelande, kde sa hneď po príchode stal aktívnym členom a funkcionárom viacerých slovenských spolokov. Bol spoluzakladateľom Slovenského dramatického klubu a mnoho rokov aj predsedom aktívneho združenia Slovak Civic Club i tiež významným aktivistom v Slovenskej lige v Amerike, kde zastával dlhšie obdobie funkciu predsedu Clevelandského okresu. Dve volebné obdobia bol aj členom Výkonného výboru Slovenskej ligy a tiež zakladateľom Zborov Slovenskej ligy v Parma a Strongsville, Ohio. V polovici sedemdesiatych rokov si založil cestovnú kanceláriu Adventure Travel International, ktorá mala pobočky aj v Bratislave a Košiciach. V roku 1982 sa stal predsedom Slovenskej záhrady na Floride. Túto slovenskú inštitúciu viedol 14 rokov. Založil v nej knižnicu a múzeum a organizoval mnohé spoločenské i kultúrne aktivity. V roku 2003 mu opät Slovenských benediktínov ponúkol funkciu riaditeľa Slovenského ústavu. Túto funkciu vykonával až do konca roka 2015, kedy sa zo zdravotných dôvodov stiahol z verejného života. V Andrejovi Hudákovi stráca slovenská Amerika oddaného národovca a organizátora slovenského života, hlavne v Clevelande a na okolí. R.I.P.



Joseph J. Hornack

Zatial čo Andrej Hudák bol hlavne organizátorom v Slovenskom ústave v Clevelande a jeho propagátorom, Joseph Hornack bol posledných desať rokov jeho dušou. Poznal modernejšie spôsoby kategorizovania, vytvárania mikrofilmov ako aj uskladňovania dokumentov i rôznych archiválií. S riaditeľom Hudákom si dobre rozumeli a v práci sa dopĺňovali. Pre Slovenský Ústav a slovenskú verejnosť v Amerike ide o veľkú stratu. Obaja vážne ochoreli koncom roka 2015. J. Hornack sa na začiatku roka 2016 podrobil operácii srdca. Aj keď boli náznaky, že operácia bola úspešná, 15. marca 2016 zomrel pokojne doma vo veku 82 rokov. J. Hornack sa narodil v Clevelande 15. novembra 1933. Jeho rodičia pochádzali z východného Slovenska. Po celý život býval v Clevelande a v jeho okolí. Bol diplomantom Benedictine High School a členom viacerých slovenských združení v Clevelande a okolia i aktívnym členom Slovenskej ligy, s ktorou spolupracoval najmä v hľadani, uskladňovaní a kategorizovaní archiválií. Bol tiež spoluzakladateľom združenia Sesterských miest Bratislava – Cleveland. Jeho záľubou bola genealógia. V tomto odbore patril medzi najlepších slovenských odborníkov v Amerike. Venoval sa aj archivárstvu, čo úspešne využil v Slovenskom ústave. V poslednom roku života, keď sa zdravotný stav A. Hudáka postupne zhoršoval, Jozef Hornack bol uradujúcim riaditeľom Slovenského ústavu. Nakoniec podľahol aj on neúprosnej chorobe. R.I.P.



SR môže obohatiť Európu kultúrou a duchovným dedičstvom

Slovensko by sa malo počas svojho predsedníctva v Rade EÚ prezentovať ako krajina, ktorá pamätá na svoju duchovnú a kultúrnu identitu a s odvahou ju dokáže využiť v prospech celého spoločenstva európskych národov. Uviedli to v polovici júna slovenskí biskupi po skončení plenárneho zasadnutia Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) na Donovaloch.

„Konferencia biskupov Slovenska vníma blížiacie sa obdobie predsedníctva Slovenskej republiky v Rade Európskej únie ako príležitosť obohatiť Európu slovenskou kultúrou a duchovným dedičstvom. Je to výzva, aby sme svojou prácou, vzájomnými vzťahmi i prístupom k druhým ponúkli dobré svedectvo o našej krajine," uviedli biskupi. Tí sú podľa vlastných slov ochotní pomáhať vláde SR pri realizácii slovenského predsedníctva v Rade Európskej únie.

„Ako veriaci chceme v tomto čase sebe i Európe pripomenúť naše kresťanské korene," dodali biskupi s tým, že ich zanedbávanie sa v posledných rokoch výrazne prejavilo v demografickej kríze a kríze rodiny. „Sme presvedčení, že podpora rodiny je pre náš kontinent prioritou. Funkčné rodiny s deťmi sú schopné opravdivej solidarity a poskytujú prevenciu pred rizikom extrémizmu a xenofóbie," dodali.

Prvého júla Slovensko preberá predsedníctvo v Rade Európskej únie, ktorá reprezentuje členské krajiny. Slovenskí ministri budú predsedáť rôznym zloženiam Rady EÚ a naši experti približne 200 pracovným skupinám. Zástupcovia Slovenska budú viesť rokovania o európskej legislatíve a aktuálnych politických otázkach. Ich hlavnou úlohou bude hľadať kompromisy medzi členskými štátmi a rokovať s ostatnými inštitúciami, predovšetkým s Európskou komisiou a Európskym parlamentom.



Over 400,000 pilgrims took part in the annual pilgrimage to Marian Hill in Levoča during the weekend of July 2-3, 2016.

Na Mariánsku horu v Levoči putovali ctitelia Panny Márie

V Levoči na Mariánskej hore sa počas víkendu 2. a 3. júla zišlo niekoľko sto tisíc veriacich, aby tradičnou púťou oslávili sviatok Navštívenia Panny Márie. Zatiaľ čo predchádzajúce ročníky levočských pútí sa vyznačovali extrémnymi klimatickými horúčavami, no tohtoročné putovanie poznačili vrtochy počasia. Sviatok Navštívenia Panny Márie tentoraz pripadol na sobotu 2. júla, ktorá bola zároveň Fatimská. Areál levočskej svätyně od skorého rána zaplňali desaťtisíce pútnikov, ktorí očakávali tradičnú otváraciu odpustovú svätú omšu. Jej hlavným celebrantom bol Mons. František Dluhoš, farár, dekan a rektor levočských bazilik.

V homílii celebrant vyzdvihol zástoj matky v súčasnej spoločnosti a pripomenul úctu, akú voči ženám prejavoval sv. Ján Pavol II.: „Žena má na základe zvláštnej skúsenosti materstva špecifickú citlivosť pre človeka a pre všetko, čo vytvára jeho opravdivé dobro. Je obdarená

Pokračovanie na str. 21



Svätý Otec menoval nového košického pomocného biskupa

Pápež František vymenoval 11. júna 2016 nového košického pomocného biskupa. Stal sa ním Marek Forgáč, doterajší prodekan Teologickej fakulty v Košiciach a duchovný správca Univerzitného pastoračného centra v Košiciach. Menovanie každého biskupa je prejavom starostlivosti Svätého Otca o jednotlivé partikulárne Cirkvi a jeho snahy zabezpečiť Božiemu ľudu bezpečných vodcov v jeho putovaní po ceste spásy. Pozývame k modlitbám za novovymenovaného biskupa.

Marek Forgáč narodil sa 21. januára 1974 v Košiciach. Študoval na gymnáziu a v roku 1992 vstúpil do Kňazského seminára v Spišskej Kapitule - Spišskom Podhradí, kde na Cyrilometodskej bohosloveckej fakulte Univerzity Komenského vyštudoval základnú teológiu. Za kňaza bol vysvätený 19. júna 1999 v Košiciach pre Košickú arcidiecézu.

Bol kaplánom vo farnostiach Trebišov (1999 - 2000), Snina (2000 - 2001) a Humenné (2001 - 2002) a kaplánom v Univerzitnom pastoračnom centre v Košiciach (2002 - 2004). V rokoch 2004 - 2007 študoval na Inštitúte psychológie Gregorovej univerzity v Ríme. Od roku 2007 až doteraz je duchovným správcom Univerzitného pastoračného centra v Košiciach a zároveň prednáša pastorálnu psychológiu a psychológiu manželstva a rodiny na Teologickej fakulte v Košiciach Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku. Na tejto fakulte pôsobí od roku 2011 ako prodekan pre vedu a výskum.

V rokoch 2008 - 2012 absolvoval doktorandské štúdiá na Filozofickej fakulte Trnavskej univerzity v Trnave. V roku 2015 sa habilitoval ako docent na Teologickej fakulte Katolíckej univerzity v Košiciach. Svoje odborné služby poskytuje pri prijímaní kandidátov do kňazských seminárov a spolupracuje pri riešení manželských káz na Metropolitnom súde. Je členom presbyterskej rady a členom zboru konzultorov Košickej arcidiecézy. Ovláda anglický jazyk, taliansky jazyk a nemecký jazyk.



Biskup
Marek Forgáč

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Všetci na Slovensku by dali čokoľvek, aby pápež František navštívil našu krajinu. Povedal to 22. júna vo Vatikáne predseda Národnej rady SR Andrej Danko (SNS), ktorý po generálnej audiencii u pápeža absolvoval aj v spoločnosti podpredsedu parlamentu Bélu Bugára (Most-Híd) s pontifikom krátke osobné stretnutie priamo na Námestí sv. Petra. Oficiálna časť dvojdňovej pracovnej návštevy Danko v Ríme sa týmto skončila. Popoludní si spolu s delegáciou pozreli pamiatky Vatikánu a Ríma a v nočných hodinách sa vrátili do vlasti.

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Na snímke v popredí vpravo podpredseda NRSR Béla Bugár a druhý sprava predseda parlamentu Andrej Danko počas stretnutia s pápežom Františkom.

Vice President of the Slovak Parliament Bela Bugar (first right) and President of the Parliament Andrej Danko (second right) held a brief meeting with Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square in Rome on June 22, 2016.

Prvým podujatím slovenského predsedníctva v Rade EÚ bola dvojdňová návšteva kolégia Európskej komisie. Išlo o štandardné podujatie, ktoré tradične sprevádza štart každého predsedníctva, ktoré Slovensko preberá z rúk Holandska. Na snímke predseda Európskej komisie Jean-Claude Juncker (vľavo) a predseda vlády SR Robert Fico počas spoločnej tlačovej konferencie pri príležitosti oficiálneho začiatku slovenského predsedníctva v Rade EÚ 1. júla 2016 v Bratislave.



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Slovakia assumes the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, in Bratislava on July 1, 2016.