

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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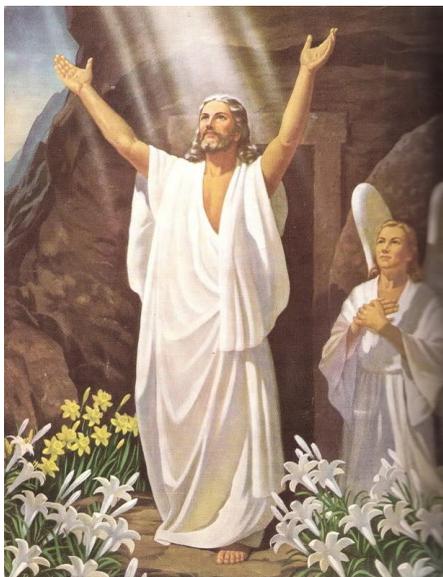
The Reverend Janusz A. Lucarz, assistant pastor – frjanusz@saintstanislauspncc.org

Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass

9:30 am – Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am – Traditional Holy Mass, at Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

School Information

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Parish Office

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MONDAY, April 17th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, April 18th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee, monthly meeting

THURSDAY, April 20th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, April 22nd

9:30 am – Confirmation Class

NEXT SUNDAY, April 23rd, Second Sunday of Easter, Low Sunday

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional – **9:30 am** Contemporary – **11:15 am** Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

Lectors:

4/16 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

10:30 – P. Kowalski & M. Stankowski

11:00 – L. McConlogue

4/23 – K. Michalina

9:30 – E. Hughes & J. Scheuneman

11:15 – L. McConlogue



WORLDWIDE OUTREACH – Our parish is collecting **eyeglasses** to be distributed to the needy in fourth world countries, **hearing aids** which are reconditioned for local needy, and **cell phones** for battered women programs and forest fire fighters in the west. Other phones are salvaged for precious metal to protect our environment. For more information see Ed Borek.

VALENTINE'S DANCE – This exceptional fund raiser chaired by Jack Stankowski and his great team presented to the parish a check for \$4,000. These monies are earmarked for essential operational expenses for our Youth Center.

ST. STAN'S YOUTH BASKETBALL – Yet another super successful season, 86 enrolled to include outreach in our committee. Registration fees and food sales netted our parish \$2,400 for operational expenses for our Youth Center. Again a great effort by Jake Stankowski and his pro-team.

538 R EAST ELM STREET – This property has been completely raised this past week. The Building Committee has been meeting for the past 3 months with the intent to propose various options for the parish to consider.

300 CLUB WINNERS - WEEK 7 - APRIL 2, 2017 – \$100.00 Joseph Pugliese; \$50.00 Ann Marie Liska, Fred Aebli; \$25.00 Abbey & Bobby Judge, Connie Tellep, St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Judy Snyder. Congratulations to all. We have 3 weeks left.

APARTMENT FOR RENT – The first-floor apartment at 1115 Pittston Ave. Is available for rent. Anyone interested please call Ed Borek at the Parish Office 570-961-9231.

SELL YOUR STUFF – Shop for bargains. St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church will be holding a Yard Sale on **SATURDAY APRIL 29th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** at 200 Stephenson St., Duryea. For **\$10.00** you can rent an 8 foot by 2 foot table space (**You must bring your own table**) to sell your unwanted treasures. The yard sale is open to anyone who would like to sell their stuff. We will have food and beverage all day, as well as a door prize, as well as a bake sale. **PLEASE NOTE: VENDERS & CRAFTERS WELCOME.** To reserve a table space phone **570-457-2291.**

72ND ANNUAL YMS OF R BOWLING TOURNAMENT – The 72nd Annual YMS of R Bowling Tournament will be held May 19 – 21, 2017, hosted by Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in Wallington, NJ. Hotel accommodations are at LaQuinta Inns & Suites in Clifton, NJ for \$99.99 plus tax per day. Room reservations must be made by April 27, 2017. More information can be found at www.pncc.org under events.

YMS OF R GROVE RENTAL – Hurry, hurry, hurry, reserve your day at the YMS of R grove for 2017! If you would like to reserve the YMS of R Grove for a summer outing, please contact Artie Golembeski at [570-575-5231](tel:570-575-5231) or via email at artibowl@msn.com. Spots are filling up fast. So if you have a family reunion or a birthday party coming up, why not reserve the grove for the day.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **peanut butter and or jelly** on Sunday, **April 23rd** for the One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Apr 17** – Tera Jean Notari; **Apr 18** – Robert Maziarz; **Apr 20** –Dorothy Mecca;

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

Thursday, April 20

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, April 21

8:30 am – sp. Donna Kolwicz (birthday) by daughter Luann Lednovich & family

Saturday, April 22

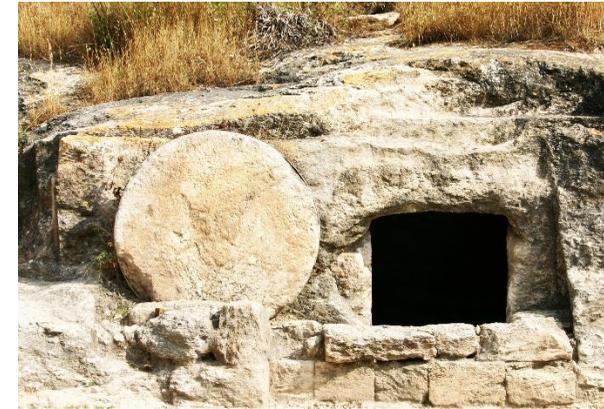
8:00 am – Mass of the day

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – April 14th – *Abington:

Ann Kazmierczak; *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Ralph Crispino,

Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Art Schmidt Jr., Ann Seig, Donna Shouten, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna, Wendell Williams, Bob Zychal. Please pray for them.



My Prayer

Almighty Lord, thank you for the empty tomb and Jesus' victory over the grave. Just as Jesus' death pardoned my sins, his resurrection assures my future. Thank you for your grace and glory. May my life be lived each day by the power of the resurrection. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

An Easter Message for You Celebrating Today in Our Cathedral

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!”

My Dear Faithful Ones in Christ,

Funny, but in this particular Lenten season, I’ve been musing on the majestic death and resurrection motif set before us by the Church, and my thoughts have turned to “the days of our life” as the Psalmist refers to them in the 10th verse of his 90th sacred song in the New American Standard Bible. We can do that, of course, consider “the days of our life,” as it’s a part of our human condition to be aware of our mortality.

This uniquely human awareness seems with me more and more these days. I’m not aware of this awareness all the time, to be sure, but it’s never been more present to me than now. I wonder if my recent presence at Father Raymond Drada’s funeral figures here; or perhaps the intensity of Lent’s inexorable drive to Passion then Palm then Easter Sunday aims me in this direction. And then, I know I’m coming to my own seventieth birthday soon. Oddly enough.....my thoughts fly to Gloria Steinem! I remember reading some years ago that in response to a toast offered her on her 70th she said, “Thanks so much, but this one has the smell of mortality about it.”

Indeed. She might very well have been paraphrasing the psalmist’s 10th verse in his 90th sacred song: “As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,....soon it is gone and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10, NASB).

So – would it be too morbid of me to ask here what happens to us when we die? Maybe not, because many have a fear of death. For some it shadows their lives and shapes some of their worst choices. But at Easter we remember the Gospel is about death, most assuredly, but even more so, about life. At Easter we seek in our Christian faith to understand the mystery of this majestic motif and we ask God for answers to live by in the face of it. What helps me in all this is the recollection of that portion of the baptismal ceremony where it’s affirmed for us that we believe in “the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting”. I’ve always tried to have those words formed in my heart.

There is an ancient homily always included within the Divine Office of Readings for Holy Saturday that concludes with the words of Christ to Adam and all who sleep in death. I have always found it not only comforting, but reassuring and powerful as well:

“He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve..... The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory..... He took [Adam] by the hand and raised him up, saying: “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light....

“Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you.....The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.”

I wish you the new life of faith this Easter. I wish you the confidence that I truly have in the victory won by Christ for me and for you and for all his faithful ones.

“Christ is risen!”

“He is truly risen!”

+ Bernard

Bishop of the Central Diocese