

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Solemnity – Christian Family

October 8, 2017



Masses: 8:00 am – Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am** – Contemporary Holy Mass

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

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MONDAY, October 9th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

WEDNESDAY, October 11th

6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl meeting (see announcement)

THURSDAY, October 12th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, October 14th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, October 15th, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MUSIC NOTES – George Oldroyd (1887 – 1956) was a British organist and composer. Very little is known about his life though he served as organist at St. Michael's Church, Croyden, from 1920 until his death. He wrote choral music, songs, and organ music. His musical style, though grounded in the forms and procedures of earlier times, is marked by sweeping melodies which are undergirded by lush, sensual harmonies. His first Liturgical Improvisation takes the following verse from Psalm 90 as its inspiration: My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the court of the Lord.

SOCL – It's that time of year again... Sunday school! Classes take place right after the 9:30 mass. Please sign children in your family up by filling out a form in the parish hall. Classes will start in October. Contact Tera Jean Notari with questions – cell [570.909.8293](tel:570.909.8293). More info to come....

OUR SAVIOR CHAPEL – members will have a meeting on **TODAY, October 8, 2017** after the 11:15 Mass.

THE PRAYER SHAWL AND BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30p.m. in the church library. We could use some new members. If you might be interested, come to the church on October 11. We hope to meet with you.

NEXT ANS MEETING – Sister's pleazeeee mark your calendars.... The next A.N.S. Meeting is scheduled for November 5th @ 11:30 in the Board Room !!

SERMON, SOUP & SANDWICH – Event will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 12:00 PM at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish. Guest speaker: Jack Kuligowski. Subject: General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pułaski (Polish & American Hero). Delicious soup and sandwich will be served at Frank Bednash Memorial Hall, 212 Wyoming Ave., Dupont, PA. Event is open to all and is free of charge.

ST. STANISLAUS HANDBELL CHOIR – The handbell choir will resume their practices on Sunday’s following the SOCL classes (after the 9:30 am mass) starting on Sunday, October 22nd, 2017. We welcome old and new members to come and join us as we prepare some musical selections for our Sunday Services as well as the upcoming holiday seasons. Anyone is welcome to join (fourth grade and up)! We look forward to seeing some new faces, whether you are interested in playing or helping out. Let’s make the bells ring!! *Thank you, Mary Ann Stankowski, 570-341-0986*

CHICKEN BBQ – Our parish will be holding its 5th, and final of the season, CHICKEN BBQ on **Saturday, October 14th from Noon til sold out** at our Pittston Avenue & East Elm Street property. The menu includes; 1/2 chicken, baked potato/butter, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert and water. Cost \$10.00. Take outs only with drive thru service. There is a pre-order sheet in the lower, level, church hall for your convenience, or call Paul and Sylvia Kowalski @ [570-842-8812](tel:570-842-8812). Thank you for your ongoing support.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! – The Adoration Society will sponsor a "Home-Made" baked goods table at their Harvest Dinner on October 22nd. We are looking for our Baking Angels to donate your favorite home-made specialties. Please bring your goodies to the Youth Center either on Saturday, October 21st or Sunday morning, October 22nd.

HARVEST DINNER PREP – The ANS will begin preparation for their Harvest Dinner on Wednesday morning beginning at 9:30 am October 18th thru Saturday October 21st. We welcome & would truly appreciate any volunteers who would be willing to lend a helping hand!!! Thank you & God Bless, *Kathy Michalina*

HARVEST DINNER – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society will be sponsoring a “Homestyle Roast Pork Dinner” on October 22, 2017 in our Youth Center. Chairperson, Connie Tellep along with her right-hand helper, Marie Gorgol will have tickets for you to purchase. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Please see any member of our Society to purchase your tickets before they are “sold out”. Take outs will be available from 10:30 am until 11:45 am. Sit down dinner will follow thereafter.

ANS “PRIZE RAFFLE” – The Ladies Adoration Society of St. Stanislaus is sponsoring a “**Prize Raffle**” for their upcoming Harvest Dinner, **FIRST PRIZE:** 55” Insigna Flat Screen TV, **SECOND PRIZE:** Entertainment Night for “Two”-Scranton Cultural Center & Dinner At POSH, **THIRD PRIZE:** “BOSE” Wave Radio IV with 3.5mm to 3.5mm Audio Cable, **FOURTH PRIZE:** \$100 Gas Card. Prize Raffle Tickets are available from any Adoration member or from Mrs. Swantek in the lower hall after 9:30am Mass.

ST. STANISLAUS TRUNK OR TREAT!!! – Come out on **Saturday, October 28th at 3:00 pm** with your family and enjoy some Halloween Fun at the St. Stanislaus Trunk or Treat! What is a Trunk or Treat you ask? A Trunk or Treat is a safe, family friendly event for the whole family to enjoy. The

kids get to enjoy Halloween a bit early and in a safe environment. Come and enjoy the afternoon and help to make this event a success.

Where: Empty lot on the corner of Pittston Avenue
Trunk or Treaters will arrive at 3:00 pm (Trunk volunteers, please arrive at 2:45pm)

What you need to volunteer at a Trunk or Treat: **A.** A Decorated Trunk, **B.** Some Treats for the kids
C. Decorations for your car.

Come out and enjoy family and friend time! Any questions, please call Artie Golembeski at 570-575-5231 or Dee Golembeski at 570-814-6826

- Please come prepared so you and your car trunk are dressed up!!!
- Plan for at least 75 to 100 children.....
- Music is encouraged

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

HARVEST DINNER, DURYEA – A Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Mary's PNCC, 200 Stephenson St, Duryea. The menu will feature: chicken, ziti, meatballs, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll with butter, dessert and beverage. Tickets are: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE. Call for tickets: 570-457-2291 THERE WILL BE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **tuna fish** on Sunday, **October 7th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Oct 11** – Raymond & Deborah Godek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Oct 8-** Maria Hughes; **Oct 11** – Dan Zahorsky, Jr., Lewis Edwards, Andrew Edwards, Elizabeth Pfohl; **Oct 12** – Constance Tellep; **Oct 13** – Joshua Stankowski, Arlene Jarocho, Matthew Pfohl

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, October 9

8:30 – Mass of the day

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, October 12

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, October 13

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, October 14

8:30 am – Mass of the day

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **Oct. 6th** – *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Mary Kotula, Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Bob Matylewicz, Chester Nezelkewicz, Stanley (Ozzie) Ocwieja, Jake Stankowski, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna. Please pray for them.

**A sermon preached by Bishop Bernard to another part of our Church's Christian Family,
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Denver, on October 4th, its patronal feast day**

I'm so happy to be visiting my western-most parishes in Los Angeles and Denver, and I'm so happy to be with you again after seeing you ten months ago. On that occasion, we brought Fr Alfonso into the Polish National Catholic Church to work with me in my Diocese as a priest within it....Today is a very special day because this is the feast day of the patron saint of our parish: we're celebrating the Feast of St Francis here, in the Parish church of St Francis on October 4th, his day.

I have to tell you, though, that as I look out at you this evening I see something very special, because when I look out at you, I see someone special – I see St Francis - in all of you. I see you being St Francis. I see you doing the same thing with the Church here in Denver as St Francis did with the Church in Assisi. I see all of you being the same blessing to the Church now - that St Francis was to the Church back then. Please let me explain.

Saint Francis is one of the most popular of all the saints. His statues are everywhere, especially in front of our church building. The prayer that we associate with him, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," is probably one of our most popular prayers, both spoken and sung. He is the patron saint of animal lovers, of peace-makers, and of ecologists. And, of course, he is associated with works of love and mercy towards the poor. But these important aspects of Saint Francis are not the ones that I want to speak about to you today.

I want to talk to you about that very special moment St Francis had at the Parish church of San Damiano in Italy. One day while praying in the church of San Damiano he experienced Christ speaking to him from the cross and telling him: "Rebuild my church." Francis looked around and saw that the church building needed many repairs, so he found rocks and stone and started working with them. But he misunderstood his call; Christ was not calling him to rebuild the church building there in Assisi. Rather, Christ was calling him to build up the Body of Christ, which comprises the people of the Church. St Francis was told to build up the people in their spiritual lives so that they could build up their parish communities. And he was told by God to build up the Church - by preaching to the people. St Francis was a very persuasive and captivating preacher.

The Church needed to be fixed, but St Francis made a mistake of thinking it needed new stones and better glass and thicker doors. Instead, God told him the church needed people, spiritual people, people strong in their faith in His Son, people who would form a stronger Church than the one St Francis was seeing at that time. St Francis saw people fall away from the Church, from its teachings, and that made the Church weaker and smaller.

I say I see St Francis in you. Do you know why? I say that because just as St Francis built up the Church in his day, you - are building up this Parish Church of St Francis in your day. Our Parish here had been dwindling in numbers. A few years ago, Fr John encountered problems among the people and he tried to correct them. He worked very hard to bring the people back to Christ's understanding

of what a church is. Fr John loved his people very much and he taught them the attitudes they needed to have as Christian people, but they would not follow his teachings and they left this Parish church. Fr John was doing exactly what needed to be done and he did it very well, but the people would not listen. Then Fr John met Fr Alfonso along the way, and he met some of you, and the rest is history. Fr John faithfully and diligently tried to build up this Parish, but all his good efforts seemed not to be going well. Until, until God sent Fr Alfonso and you his way.

The Parish was in danger of closing altogether. But in the same way that St Francis built up the Church centuries ago, so are all of you today building up the Polish National Catholic Church of St Francis in Denver. St Francis enlivened his Church, and you are bringing new life to St Francis Church. You are building up this church in Denver. What a beautiful activity and holy work to celebrate today on this Feast of St Francis. St Francis Parish church will live because of you who have committed yourselves to building up this Church as bi-lingual Hispanic and English parish of the Polish National Catholic Church. And both Fr John and Fr Alfonso together, as equals in pastoral status, will care for our parish until Fr John retires at the end of this year. At that time, Father Alfonso will continue on into the New Year with you.

You are committed, faithful, Catholic Christians. You are faithful, and you love Jesus Christ, who is your Lord and Savior, and you want to follow his way in the world. And, you can build up the church even more by bringing more people to your Church here in Denver. You can absolutely do that. And you will do that, just like St Francis did in his day: by preaching!

You are all preachers. You will preach the gospel to everyone around you, where you live, where you play, where you work, where you go to school. Preaching the gospel was very important to St. Francis who was very skilled with words. But - St Francis believed that the most important way to preach the Gospel to others - was to live the Gospel in front of everyone. He knew that actions always speak louder than words! He used to say it this way to his followers, "Preach the Gospel with your life; if necessary, use words."

So, in the words of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary: Be not afraid. The angel said this when he announced to Mary she had found favor with God and that she would be involved in something monumental and divine. She would give birth to the Son of God: Mary, be not afraid.

And I say to all of you, be not afraid to show anyone the birth of God's Son in your life. Don't be afraid to show anyone your Catholic faith. Don't be afraid to let others know you're a follower of that Christ who lives in you. Don't be afraid to welcome your friends and family to worship with you here at St Francis Polish National Catholic Church each and every Sunday. Because when you do all these things, you build up the Church as did St Francis, the patron saint of our Parish. God bless you all very, very much.

En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espiritu Santo. Amen!

