

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 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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TODAY

SOCL following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell Choir rehearsal following 9:30 mass

ANS Fall Harvest Roast Pork Dinner

10:30 am to 11:45 am – take-outs

Sit-down dinner thereafter

MONDAY, October 23rd

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

THURSDAY, October 26th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, October 28th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, October 29th, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MUSIC NOTES – Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-97) was a North-German descendant of a musical family. His father was an organist and his uncle a virtuoso violinist and Nicolaus received his earliest musical training from both these men. He later studied with the famous Buxtehude (with whom Bach also spent time) and subsequently spent the remainder of his short life as organist at the Stadtkirche in Husum. His talent as a composer is revealed in his 5 organ works and 14 vocal works. The Prelude in E minor follows the style of Buxtehude in that it alternates sections which are free and improvisatory in nature with sections which are more structured. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was a south German who was renowned as a composer of music for all genres. He was also a friend of the Bach family His Fugue in D is a short piece based on a chromatically descending theme.

REFURBISHED MANGER SCENE – All our manger figures are significantly in need of repainting and of repair to the cracks and broken off parts that are disfiguring them. They have been sent to a local artisan who refurbishes statuary and who has serviced some of our area parishes in the repair of their figurines of different sizes to the delight of everyone who looks upon them. Restoring our statues to their former glory in time for this Christmas season will cost \$2700. Some donations for this work have been received including \$500 from our Women's Blessed Sacrament Society. More contributions are needed to cover the work that is currently being undertaken to beautify our creche. Please help in this special restoration project by placing an envelope marked **MANGER STATUES REPAIR** containing a generous offering into the Sunday collection basket. The skillfully restored statues will be kept where they will not be prone to damage.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – On **Sunday, November 12, 2017**, a special meeting of the congregation will be convened to consider further the expansion of the Youth Center with a storage space added to it on its scoreboard side.

ST. STANISLAUS TRUNK OR TREAT – CANCELLED – Because of too few participants, we're not able to conduct our Halloween event this year. We will try again next year!

CHICKEN BBQ – The results of our successful, sold out Chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 14th, generated gross sales of \$1,904.00, less expenses of \$690.60, producing a net income of \$1,213.40. That brings our net income for five events to \$6,523.16. The net income for this three year event is \$14,396.55. A special word of thanks to all our dedicated and hardworking volunteers, who made this a very successful church fund raiser and outreach event. It could not have been accomplished without their commitment and dedication. Thanks to all the parishioners who supported this event, not only throughout this season, but also those previously held. The word from repeat customers; **"it's the best Chicken BBQ in town"**, that's why they return. If all goes well, we will be doing this again next year beginning in May. See you then at the **"corner, covered, chicken coop"**.

GOOD NEWS! – Mrs. LuAnn Kaszuba is now in the Parish Office during the week. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Now if you need help during the week, someone will be there to answer you inquires. You can also reach her by email, Office@saintstanislauspncc.org. If you need to stop by the office, please call first so Mrs. Kaszuba will know that you are coming.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCES – Wypominki – Please begin preparing your lists of loved ones for inclusion in the reading of the names of departed loved ones on the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. Wypominki envelopes will be available in the lower narthex of the Cathedral.

ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS DAYS – **Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day** and will be celebrated with Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. On **Thursday, November 2nd All Souls Day Mass** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral and the cemetery ceremonies will be conducted at 7:00 pm. **WYPOMINKI – remembrance names** – will be read at each Mass on All Saints Day and also at the Mass of All Souls Day.

2017 Education and Youth Commission Raffle – The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. **The raffle will be held on December 14, 2017 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.**

First Prize – \$400 cash

Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker (value \$200.00)

Third Prize- Apple TV.

(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we continue to support the ministries of this commission to benefit our youth. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).**

Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, or email EYC@pnu.org.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **spaghetti sauce** on Sunday, **October 29th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Walter and Stella Pron offered by daughters Lynn and Nancy, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FLOWER FUND – is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost of Sunday flowers is \$60. Checks should be made out to the ANS Flower Fund and can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Any questions contact Connie Tellep at jtellep@nep.net or [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – **Oct 23** – Robert & Joan Bogdanski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, October 23

8:30 – Mass of the day

Tuesday, October 24

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, October 25

8:30 am – sp. Robert Schuster, Sr.

(birthday) by wife Eleanor Schuster

Thursday, October 26

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, October 27

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, October 28

8:30 am – sp. Constance Stankowski by family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Oct 24** – Frank Gerardi; **Oct 25** – Joan Bogdanski; **Oct 27** – Joyce Pietrzykowski

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – **Oct. 20th** – *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.

**Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council
Polish National Catholic Church**



October, 2017

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

During the month of October across our Polish National Catholic Church we celebrate the Solemnity of the Christian Family. In our culture we see fewer and fewer examples of a Christian Family, praying together and following the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are reminded during this month to strengthen our commitment to our faith and our individual family as well as our parish family.

In the book of Genesis we read about God as the Creator of all things, including the institution of the family. The very basic concept of family defines it as a husband and wife with one or more children. However, we know that this is not always the case in every family situation. For example, some families do not have a mother or a father present; and some families have a husband and wife, but no children. Even in regard to Jesus we realize that Mary is His mother and Joseph is His guardian. The importance of the family in society should not be underestimated, for that is where we learn and develop our basic moral values.

At the Third General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church in 1914 the delegates instituted the Solemnity of the Christian Family and selected the second Sunday of October to celebrate it. The Solemnity of the Christian Family commemorates the values of the Holy Family and how we should apply these values to our own families. The responsibility of children to respect, honor and love their parents is found in the Bible. It is important for each of us to remember the Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother. Love and respect of parents toward their children is also taught many times in Holy Scripture. Parents not only have a responsibility to provide for the physical and material needs of their children, they are entrusted to provide for their spiritual needs as well. The parents are to bring up their children in the Christian faith and should set a good example for the children to follow. Parents are to

teach, guide and discipline their children in the love of the Lord. This solemnity reminds us of the importance of mutual love and respect within each Christian family.

Just as an individual family is part of society, the Christian family is part of a parish family, which is part of a larger family called the Church. The individual Christian families and the Church share a common faith in Christ and worship Him. This solemnity also reminds us that the Christian family is built on the foundation of Christ Jesus, our Lord. We become a part of the Christian Family in the Sacrament of Baptism, through which we are united with Christ and become brothers and sisters in Him.

The Church is essential to the Christian family because the family members encounter Christ in the parish community by participating in worship at Holy Mass, receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, hearing the Word of God and receiving the other sacraments.

During the special Mass for the Solemnity of the Christian Family we will pray:
God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

October is also Clergy Appreciation Month. What have you done to show your appreciation to your Pastor? Do you pray for him and work with him for the proclamation of the Gospel?

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. Also please keep in prayer our clergy of our church as they prepare for the National Clergy Conference in November.

May we show our commitment to our faith and family not just in our words, but more importantly by our actions. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee
Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*

