

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church**

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## First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2016



**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

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### TODAY, November 27<sup>th</sup>

The church calendar begins today with Cycle A – the First Sunday of Advent

### MONDAY, November 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

### WEDNESDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 a.m. – *Advent Rorate Votive Mass* honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary

### THURSDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30 p.m. – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### FRIDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 p.m. – Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Devotions, St. Mary's, Duryea (see below)

### SATURDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 a.m. – Confirmation Class

10:30 a.m. – Cathedral Young Choir Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – One Hot Meal

### NEXT SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent

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

**MUSIC NOTES** – Today's prelude and postlude are based on the hymn *Savior of the nations, come*. The hymn text expresses the world's longing for the arrival of Him who will deliver us from darkness. The hymn text originated with Ambrose of Milan in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and was expanded by Martin Luther in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The tune, likewise, is a 'tidied-up' version of a chant which originated, perhaps, in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Bach treats the hymn tune as a highly ornamented aria which expresses longing through its being in a minor key though the last line of Bach's prelude turns to a major key expressing the fulfillment of the longing. Paul Manz (1919-2009) was a talented organist and composer of our era who treats the tune as a brilliant toccata: while the uppermost voice utters the chorale tune in an abbreviated form the entire tune booms forth clearly in the pedal line.

**SCRANTON SENIORATE ADVENT PENITENTIAL DEVOTIONS** – St Mary's Church, Duryea will be host you our Seniorate's Advent Penitential Service on **Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** Please join the parishioners from other of our parishes in the Seniorate for this time and opportunity for your spiritual preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birth at Christmas.

**ADVENT RORATE MASSES of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – offered **each Wednesday in Advent at 5:00 am** on November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### *Lectors:*

**11/27** – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Ostroski & P. Kowalski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**12/4** – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Ostroski & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

**JOB POSTING - PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR** – St. Stanislaus Cathedral has made available a new paid part-time job opening for working in our Parish Office. This position will have the qualified individual assisting the Parish Committee in managing select activities for the parish office to include communications (digital and face-to-face) and coordination of events with key parish activity centers (youth center, cemetery, etc). Email and basic office software computer skills are highly preferred for all candidates applying for this position. Our intention is to create a pool of candidates who will then be reviewed/interviewed with the goal of selecting a candidate and have them begin January 2017. **All interested candidates should submit a letter (Word .doc or .pdf) with their qualifications to Fred Aebli, [fjaebli@gmail.com](mailto:fjaebli@gmail.com) subject line: PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

**ANGEL TREE** – This year for the Angel on the Tree will be collecting unwrapped items for the Women's Resource Center. Please drop off all items by December 11 in the parish hall. Here is a list of items you can drop off. There will be containers next to our Angel Tree to put the donation in.

Pajamas - any size from 2T and up. Both girls and boys pajamas.

Pajamas - women sizes from small to XXL

Hats - for boys, girls and women

Gloves/mittens - for boys, girls and women

Scarfs - for girls, boys and women

Toys

Grocery gift certificates

Gift certificates from a local business owner

Gas vouchers

Movie tickets

Visa cards

**ST. STANISLAUS UYA HOMEMADE BREAD** – Once again we will be taking orders for the holidays for our homemade bread. If you would like to place an order please sign the sheets downstairs in the church hall (a limited amount will be made). The deadline to place your order will be on December 4th, 2016. The cost is \$9.00 per loaf for raisin or plain. The bread will be available for pickup on Saturday, December 10, 2016 after 3:30 pm or on Sunday, December 11, 2016 downstairs in the church hall. Thank you as always for your support and generosity. We truly appreciate it. All proceeds from this fundraiser event will go towards Convo 2018! Any questions or concerns please contact Timmy, Jacob or Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA** – YMS of R Branch #1 hosts their annual Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am Holy Mass in the Parish Youth Center.** Tickets are \$8/Adults, \$3/Children ages 4 -12, ages 3 and under are free. Make reservations in the Parish Hall after 9:30 am Mass on Sundays or call Frank Gerardi at 570-587-3672. There will be a **limited number of tickets for sale at the door**, so please make your **reservations by Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Set up will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Any help given is much appreciated.

**ANS MEETING** – The ANS will hold its next scheduled monthly meeting on Sunday, December 4th @ 11:00 a.m. ....place to be announced.

**ANS THANK YOU** – Recognizing & giving thanks to our "November Earth Angels" for Altar Care. We ask the Holy Spirit to bless Christine Patrick & her daughter Jordan for their time & dedication to the ANS & our beautiful cathedral.

**SOCL** – SOCL students pray before and after class. Please write your prayer intentions on the slips of paper provided in the parish hall and put them in the basket.

**GERRITY'S GIFT CARDS** – St. Stanislaus is still selling \$25 Gerrity's gift cards. Our parish receives a 5% discount on these gift cards. We also earn 3 cents for each purchase of the following products sold at Shur Save markets: Best Yet, Exceptional Value, Paws Premium, Top Care, Full Circle, & Nature's Finest.

**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.

**DISTRICT 1 PNU CHRISTMAS PARTY** – District 1 PNU will be holding their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 8, 2016 in the lower level of the PNU Home Office in Scranton, PA at 6:00 P.M. in conjunction with the quarterly meeting. The cost per person will be \$15.00. A buffet dinner featuring Roast Beef and Chicken Marsala will be provided. We will be also be having a door prize raffle, games and a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. Please make your reservations with Joan at 570-344-1513 by December 1, 2016. Payment for the dinner is also requested by that date. All District 1 members and their families are encouraged to attend. Come and join us for an evening of Holiday fun and fellowship.

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **spaghetti sauce** on Sunday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>** for the One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** – The ANS is currently accepting donations for Christmas Poinsettias. Donations may be made in memory of or honor of loved ones. Due to the increased cost of flowers we are asking for a minimum donation of \$20. Please contact Connie Tellep at [570-222-4409](tel:570-222-4409) or [jtellep@nep.net](mailto:jtellep@nep.net). Deadline for donations is Friday December 16th.

**2016 PNU EDUCATION and YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE** – to raise funds for our College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on **November 30, 2016 at the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. First Prize – New iPad Second Prize – Apple TV Third Prize- \$100 cash.**

Through your support of this effort we hope to continue to encourage our youth to become leaders within our church community and the Polish National Union of America.

Also, any monetary donations offered for this stipend program are always welcomed and very needed. Such offerings can be mailed directly to: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505** Please make checks payable to: **Education and Youth Commission**. Mailing envelopes are located downstairs in the church hall.

Direct any questions to Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, Education & Youth Commission, [EYC@pnu.org](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).

**A MESSAGE from the EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMISSION** – Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to apply for the PNU stipend. The criteria for the stipend application is as follows: **a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time; a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years; current enrollment academic year (2016/2017) – effective December 1<sup>st</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community!

The Education and Youth Stipend Application form can be downloaded from the PNU website, [www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org). **All completed applications should be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to: PNU c/o Education and Youth Commission - Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505.**

**Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, [EYC@pnu.org](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** – Nov 27 – Stanley & MaryAnn Zigmont; Nov 28 – Robert & June Sarnowski, John & Julie Andrzejewski

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Nov 27 – Lorne Notari, Carol Jankowski; Nov 28 – Brenda Yaron, Jordan Aebli

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL – November 25<sup>th</sup>** – \*Abington: Ann Kazmierczak; \*Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; \*Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; \*St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

**FRIENDS RECOVERING at HOME** – Jean Cwynar, Joann Edwards, Ceil Gorgol, Josephine Kwiatkowski, Timothy Meleski, Chester Nezelkewicz, Art Schmidt Jr., Ann Seig, Donna Shouten, Ann Stets, Mary Szajna, Joann Valvano, Wendell Williams, Bob Zychal. Please pray for them.

### ***THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES***

#### **Monday, November 28**

8:30 am – sp. Chester Zahorsky by Very Rev. William Chromey & family

#### **Tuesday, November 29**

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

#### **Wednesday, November 30**

5:00 am – Rorate: Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

#### **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

#### **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 am – sp. Stella Michalina by Kathleen Michalina

## ***The Rorate Mass***

The *Rorate* Mass takes its name from the first words of the introit (the entrance song) of the Mass on the fourth Sunday in Advent: “*Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant justum*”; “Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One” ([Isaiah 45:8](#)). *Rorate* Masses are traditional in German-speaking countries, Hungary and the Czech Republic, as well as in Poland.

The *Rorate* Mass has been celebrated in Poland since the 13th century. A special candle was placed on the altar and lit. (Nowadays, there is often a special Marian candle lit during *Rorate* Masses.) The custom of lighting a special candle is said to go back to the reign of Bolesław Wstydlivy, husband of St. Kunegunda. A menorah was placed on the altar and its seven candles were lit one at a time by different members of the congregation. (To this day, sometimes you will see a menorah shining in the windows of Polish homes during Advent and the Christmas season.) In Bolesław's parish, Bolesław lit the first candle, a cardinal lit the second, followed by a senator, a nobleman, a knight, a townsman and a peasant. As they lit the candles, each man said, “I am ready for the last judgment day.”

In Poland, the *Rorate* Mass traditionally begins before dawn, every day during Advent. (These days, for convenience, it is often held in the late afternoon, especially in cities.) Children walk to church through the darkness, carrying lit lanterns. The church is in darkness except for the light of candles and lanterns. The hymn *Rorate caeli* begins in darkness, symbolizing the darkness of the world before the Light of Christ appeared at Christmas. During the hymn, the priests and the children, carrying their lanterns, process into the church. At the end of the hymn, prayers are said and then the Gloria is sung, and during the Gloria, the lights of the church are put on. By the end of Mass, the sun is starting to rise; it is the dawn of a new day and a reminder of the True Light of Christ that will banish the darkness of sin and death.

Spiritually, Advent is the dawn. It is still not the bright light of Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for something exceedingly joyful that is yet to come. It is a time of penance, when our souls are still struggling through the darkness, seeking the Light. There is a longing and expectancy in Advent. Our candles and lanterns at a *Rorate* Mass are symbols of our longing for the coming of the Savior whose light is already dawning.

### ***Rorate caeli desuper***

Traditionally, the *Rorate* Mass begins with a procession while *Rorate caeli* is chanted. This plainchant breathes anticipation so that one can almost taste the coming Messiah in its text and music.

The text begins with the rich and evocative images: “The heavens sprinkle dew from above, and the clouds rain justice; let the earth be opened, and bring forth the Just One.”

The invocation of dew alludes to the blessing of Israel by the dying Moses ([Dt 33:28](#)), to numerous prophetic words about the new Jerusalem for God's people (for instance, [Zech 8:12](#)), and the deeply intimate language of God speaking through the prophet Hosea and promising to be Himself “dew to Israel.” The chant continues with a Psalm verse. In this case, the unknown author of *Rorate caeli desuper* drew a clear thematic link between the verse text and the Psalm, which is “The heavens are telling the glory of God” ([Ps 19:1](#)).

- from The Pastoral Centre For English Speakers in Wrocław, Poland