

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

December 3, 2017



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

11:30 am – ANS monthly meeting, board room

MONDAY, December 4th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, December 5th

6:30 pm – YMS of R – Christmas tree set up followed the monthly meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 6th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 8th

6:30 p.m. – Basketball practice (see announcement)

7:00 p.m. – Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Devotions, (see announcement)

SATURDAY, December 9th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

6:30 pm – Set up for Breakfast with Santa

NEXT SUNDAY, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

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

FR. JANUSZ, HOLY COMMUNION – As you come to Communion during any of Father Janusz's Masses, please come to him down the center aisle to receive by twos in a standing position. Please return to your seat down the side aisle. This will help Father keep the Holy Communion more stable and secure from spilling while he administers the Body and Most Precious Blood from a single position. Carrying the sacrament back and forth along the length of the altar rail with his cane is uncomfortable for Father and fraught with possibilities for a misstep. Thank you for your understanding.

MUSIC NOTES – The German hymn *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Awake, for night is flying) amplifies the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, their oil lamps, and greeting the bridegroom (the Christ), and this thought ties into today's gospel's thought about being ready. Bach and his cousin J. G. Walther treat this hymn tune in different ways. Bach's florid version is his own organ transcription of a tenor aria from his Cantata 140 which is based on the hymn. The hymn tune is in the tenor register on a solo sound and is surrounded by a beautiful lively texture. Walther treats the tune in a more austere fashion with the tune heard plainly in the top voice while the supporting voices mimic and anticipate phrases of the hymn tune.

Lectors:

12/3 – 8:00 – C. Ross

9:30 – J. Ostroski & L. Pfohl

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/10 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Scheuneman & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

Oplátky – Christmas
Wafers are available in the
Parish Office.

ADVENT RORATE MASSES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – offered **each Wednesday in Advent at 5:00 am** on December 6th, 13th, and the 20th.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – for the parishes of the Scranton Seniorate will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at St. Adalbert's Parish in Dickson City.

FESTIVAL OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG FOR ADVENT – On Sunday, 10 December, at 7:00 PM join with us for a Festival of Scripture and Song for Advent to be held at St. Stanislaus.

YOUTH CENTER NEWS – The Parish Committee has accepted a letter of understanding with POSH Events to provide catering and event planning at the Youth Center. This agreement will not only be profitable for our parish, but the Youth Center will be included in all POSH's marketing campaigns and social media. Parish events will still have priority over private events as long as organizations reserve dates with the parish office.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? – With all the talk about upgrades to and increased usage of the Youth Center, a parishioner made the suggestion to consider changing its name. After discussion, The Parish Committee approved the idea of changing the building name. We are reaching out to parish members for input on names that could be considered. All suggestions should be written (signed if you don't mind) and dropped in the parish office or emailed to office@saintstanislauspncc.org by Dec. 31, 2017.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INPUT – The Parish Committee, in focusing on the future, wants to create a list of capital improvements needed at our Cathedral, the Youth Center, our cemetery, and other properties we own. We would like our parishioners to contribute suggestions to office@saintstanislauspncc.org or drop off a written list at the parish office. If there are multiple items, please list items in the order you would prefer we adopt them. Deadline to submit ideas is Sunday, Dec. 10th. We hope to provide a summary at the annual parish meeting in March. Thank you.

ST.STANISLAUS YOUTH BASKETBALL NEWS – *Sign-ups for the upcoming season are underway. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY 12/18/2017. Forms and information about the league are located downstairs in the church hall, and on the church's website.*

The cost for each player is \$40.00 and \$20.00 for each additional child within the same family.

Practice/Sign-ups – Friday, December 8th & December 15th, 2017 in the youth Center. (6:30-7:15 p.m. for PreK-3rd grades) & (7:15-8:00 p.m. for 4th grades & up).

Games will tentatively start on Friday, January 5th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

A schedule of game times and age groups will soon follow. Thank You as always for your support! Any questions please contact Jake Stankowski @ (570-341-0986) or Art Golembeski @ 570-575-5231.

HOMEMADE BREAD SALE – There is a limited amount of bread left for sale. Please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986 if you are interested in placing an order at this time. Again, we can't thank you enough for the great response! **All bread orders can be picked up after 3:30 pm on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 (in the youth center) or following the 8:00 & 9:30 am mass on December 10th, 2017 (downstairs in the church hall). If there is any extra bread, it will be available on Sunday, December 10th, 2017 for \$9.00 each.** Thank you, The Cathedral UYA.

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA – YMS of R Branch #1 hosts their annual Breakfast Buffet with Santa on **Sunday, December 10th after the 9:30 am Holy Mass in the Parish Youth Center.** Tickets are Adults: \$8.00; Children ages 4 to 12: \$3.00; Children ages 3 and under: Free. Please 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 7th. Set up will be Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.** Any help given is much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE – Help families put presents under the tree for their children during the upcoming holiday season. Toys are being collected for United Neighborhood Center's Christmas Toy Store which will be held on December 21 at the Progressive Center on Olive Street. Please bring a **new unwrapped** toy (suitable for ages newborn through age 12) to church by **Sunday December 10.** Place toys in the red buckets in the church hall or bring them to the Santa breakfast in the Youth Center on December 10. Thank you for your generous spirit!

"ANGEL WISHES" – The Cathedral UYA will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the upcoming Holiday Season. All proceeds from this event will go towards our Convo 2018 expenditures (which will be held right here in Scranton - University of Scranton).

"How it works!"

One can purchase an Angel for \$10.00 each. These angels can either be given "In Loving Memory" of someone who was close to you, or given as "A Prayer Angel" to someone who needs a little extra Holiday cheer. (I.e. someone who is sick, in a nursing home, or someone you are fond of, etc.)

A heartfelt message will be attached and each angel will be displayed on a tree within our church during the Christmas Season. When the season is over, the angel will be returned to the person or family to have as a keepsake or to pass on as a gift to that special someone.

"Goal!"

These angels will inspire all of us to reach deep within our hearts and provide a peaceful and spiritual message as we all prepare for the Birth of Christ!

Orders can be placed downstairs with our UYA members. Cost is \$10.00 per angel. Please fill out the form for "Loved One's Memory" or "Prayer Angel Gift" and help us raise funds for Convo 2018.

Thank you & Happy Holidays!
The Cathedral UYA members & their families

SPECIAL THANKS – The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society is offering their heartfelt thanks & praise to our "November Earth Angel" ...Christine Patrick! We ask the Holy Spirit to bless our dear sister of the ANS. In the midst of her recent loss of her loved one so dear, our angel, has found the strength to continue to serve our Lord in keeping his house. God Bless you Christine for you have shown great compassion in your faith for Our Lord Jesus Christ & our awesome cathedral!

2017 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE – Time is running out to purchase your raffle tickets benefiting the College Stipend Program from the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America.

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

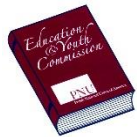
Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker (value \$200.00)

Third Prize- Apple TV.

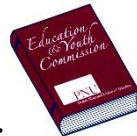
(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)

All ticket returns should be received and in-house by December 12th, in order to be included in our drawing on the 14th of December. Please join us as we try to build and continue to grow our Stipend Incentive offered to our college student members. 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.



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 start the application process for the PNU stipend (December 1st – April 15th). The criteria for the stipend application, is as follows:

- **a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time-(academic year 2017/2018).**
- **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.**
- **One application can be filled out in its entirety and returned no later than April 15th, 2018 to: PNU c/o Education & Youth Commission- Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505.**

- **This application and information sheet can be found through the PNU website (www.pnu.org) as a downloadable form for the Education & Youth Commission, or in your parish halls.**

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!

Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, EYC@pnu.org.

PNU IS SEEKING A MARKETING ASSISTANT – The PNU is seeking a marketing assistant to work part time at the Home Office. The position would require a qualified person to work 10 to 20 hours per week. Additional information can be found on the job site Indeed.com. All interested applicants are asked to submit their resume and application through the Indeed website.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **peanut butter and/or jelly** on Sunday, **December 10th** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS – Please consider donating \$20.00 to help decorate our Alters for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones. Checks should be made to the ANS Flower Fund. Checks may be dropped off at the Parish Office or contact Connie Tellep at [570-2224409](tel:570-2224409) or jteellep@nep.net by December 17th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Dec. 7 – Russell & Lou Ann Thomas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Dec 4 – Mary Karsnak; **Dec 5** – Shelby Petrillo, Edward Meleski, Richard Berezinsky; **Dec 7** – Clara Zlotowski (100th), Stephanie Kaszuba; **Dec 8** – Joseph Yaron, Carol Grinzi

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL –December 1st – *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Mary Kotula, Clara Zlotowski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, December 4

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 8

8:30 –Mass of the day

Saturday, December 9

8:30 am – sp. Carol Merkel by Frank Langan

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.





Come Celebrate
Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
with Worship and Music

Looking Ahead: Cathedral Liturgies and Observances
Advent through Epiphany

SUNDAY, December 3

Advent 1

8:00 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath blessing and lighting
9:30 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath lighting
11:15 am Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

WEDNESDAY, December 6

5:00 am Rorate Mass in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, Cathedral, *lower chapel*

FRIDAY, December 8

7:00 pm Scranton Seniorate Advent Penitential Service
St Adalbert's, Dickson City

SUNDAY, December 10

Advent 2

8:00 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath blessing and lighting
9:30 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath lighting
11:15 am Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park
10:45 am Breakfast with Santa, Youth Center
7:00 pm *A Festival of Scripture and Song for Advent, Cathedral*

WEDNESDAY, December 13

5:00 am Rorate Mass in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, Cathedral, *lower chapel*

SATURDAY, December 16

11:30 am PRIVATE CONFESSION, *ADVENT*, youth and adults

SUNDAY, December 17

Advent 3

8:00 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath blessing and lighting
9:30 am Holy Mass, Advent wreath lighting
11:15 am Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

SUNDAY, December 17

10:45 am decorating the Cathedral for Christmas

WEDNESDAY, December 20

5:00 am Rorate Mass in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, Cathedral, *lower chapel*

SUNDAY, December 24

Advent 4

8:00 am Holy Mass, last Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: Living Nativity
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass of the Shepherds: Choir, instruments, string ensemble

MONDAY, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Holy Mass, Cathedral
10:30 am Christmas Day Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

SUNDAY, December 31

8:00 am Holy Mass of the Humble Shepherds, Cathedral
9:30 am Holy Mass of the Humble Shepherds, Cathedral
11:15 am Holy Mass of the Humble Shepherds, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park
4:00 pm A Celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony, Cathedral
7:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass at the Close of the Year, Cathedral
lower chapel

MONDAY, January 1

11:00 am Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord

SUNDAY, January 7

8:00 am Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, Cathedral
9:30 am Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, Cathedral
11:15 am Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park



**A Festival of
Scripture and Song
for Advent**

**Sunday, 10 December 2017
at 7:00 PM**

**St. Stanislaus Cathedral
529 East Locust Street
Scranton, PA 18505**

CATHEDRAL STEEPLE

We are delighted to inform our parishioners that the building committee has been officially informed by CJ Diirner & Sons Roofing/Steeple Specialist, (Mr. Jake Diirner) that restoration of our cathedral steeple will commence on the second full week of December.

Seven weeks ago, Mr. Jake Diirner delivered the large 100 foot lift to take precise measurements of the entire steeple. Necessary materials were placed on order and since have arrived at their business location. The actual fabrication of the bone-white aluminum clad assemblies is being processed at their business site. These items will be delivered to our Cathedral for installation to protect and beautify our steeple

The steeple restoration project will begin on Monday, December 11th and will last for at least two months, perhaps longer. It is necessary to advise all parishioners that the very large 100 foot lift will be required to be strategically located and secured for safety in a few locations during the steeple project.

Everyone is advised to use extreme caution when entering and exiting the Cathedral parking lot with their vehicles. Also, always be safety minded when entering and exiting our Cathedral. Please stay clear of all equipment and material items.

Ed Borek
Parish Chairperson