

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, pastor – bishop@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

December 10, 2017



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

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

Parish Office: 570-961-9231 – **Youth Center:** 570-961-8364

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TODAY

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following Breakfast with Santa

MONDAY, December 11th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, December 12th

6:00 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

THURSDAY, December 14th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 15th

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

SATURDAY, December 16th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER – The Parish Committee would like to welcome Samuel Raub, II as our newest parishioner.

MUSIC NOTES – Marco Enrico Bossi's *Ave Maria* is known as a tone poem or a character piece in that it is based on an extra-musical object: in this case it is the scripture passage beginning at Luke 1:28 which is the basis of the "Hail Mary" prayer. Bossi, through his gently melody and harmony evokes this interaction between the angel Gabriel and the Jewish girl Mary leaving it to the listener to imagine or picture that event. Bach's setting of *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn* is based on the German hymn *Christ, God's only son*. The melody is presented in the top voice of the texture surrounded by a rhythmic and melodic fragment which propels the piece along.

THIS EVENING at **7:00 PM** join with us for a **Festival of Scripture and Song for Advent** to be held at St. Stanislaus. All are invited to attend.

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

BANNS of MARRIAGE – The first banns is now published for the union in holy matrimony of Julie Umerich and Corey Spangenberg.

Lectors:

12/10 – 8:00 – K. Michalina
9:30 – J. Scheuneman & M. Stankowski
11:15 – L. McConlogue
12/17 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski
9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Hughes
11:15 – L. McConlogue

Oplatki – Christmas
Wafers are available in the
Parish Office.

BIRTHDAY PARTY for JESUS – SOCL will be holding a Birthday Party for Jesus on Dec 17 after mass. Students and parishioners please bring your "gift" in the form of non-perishable goods, hygiene items or household paper goods to benefit our One Hot Meal program. We will celebrate in the library.

NEW ANS MEMBER – The ANS would like to acknowledge & congratulate their newest member, who was officially installed by our Pastor, Bishop Bernard Nowicki last Sunday. We ask The Holy Spirit to bestow his blessings & offer his guidance to Miss Jessica Notari. We are elated & are looking forward to spending spiritual time as well as establishing a sincere friendship with our newest sister of our sodality! We welcome "U" Jess... to The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society. "U" are now, one of our youngest "EARTH ANGEL'S"!!! *God Bless, President Kathy Michalina*

"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

"ANGEL WISHES DEADLINE" – The deadline to place your order and fill out your form for the Angel Wishes project will be on **Sunday, December 17th, 2017**. There are a few left for sale, with a limited choice of the type of angel, so please place your order as soon as possible. Thank you for the great response towards this fundraiser as we prepare for Convo 2018, in Scranton! On behalf of the Cathedral UYA and their families we hope everyone has a joyous, healthy, and happy Holiday Season!

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.

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*

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.

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

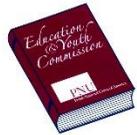
Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker (value \$200.00)

Third Prize- Apple TV.

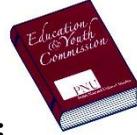
(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)

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.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **macaroni and cheese** on Sunday, **December 17th** 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 Altars 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**.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, December 11

8:30 am – sp. Stella Michalina by daughter Kathy Michalina

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, December 13

5:00 am – Rorate Mass

Thursday, December 14

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 15

8:30 – Mass of the day

Saturday, December 16

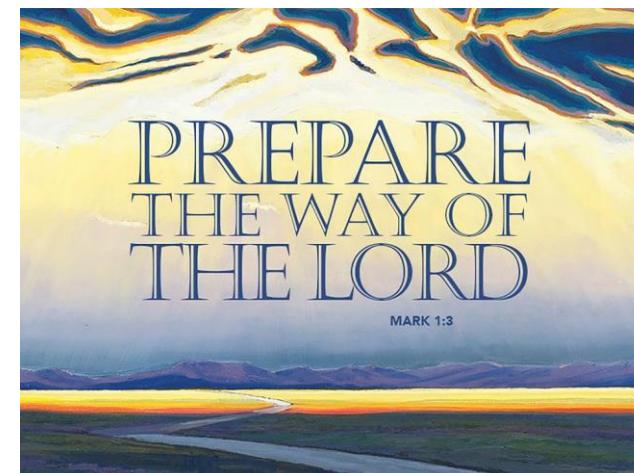
8:30 am – sp. Julia Zatek & Ethel Pochocki by family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – Dec 14 – Raymond & Gloria Makowski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Dec 10 – Barbara Nowicki; Dec 13 – Diane Smicherko; Dec 16 – Madeline Hughes

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL –December 8th – *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, 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 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

In light of this full and varied seasonal schedule, it's regrettable to observe that our parishioners who regularly absent themselves from our liturgical and programmatic ministry are in fact starving at a banquet. Come one and come all to sate yourselves in your spirit and be filled.