

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

The Reverend Janusz A. Lucarz, assistant pastor – frjanusz@saintstanislauspncc.org

Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

December 17, 2017



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

Edward Borek: Parishchair@saintstanislauspncc.org

Announcements: Bulletin@saintstanislauspncc.org

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Parish Information: Office@saintstanislauspncc.org

TODAY

10:45 am – Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas

SOCL Birthday Party for Jesus

Handbell Choir rehearsal following SOCL Birthday Party for Jesus

MONDAY, December 18th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

THURSDAY, December 21st

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

SATURDAY, December 23rd

NO Confirmation class

NO Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

ADVENT RORATE MASSES of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – offered each Wednesday in Advent at **5:00 am** with the last one for this year on December the 20th.

UNITED YMS of R WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE – The united YMS of R Board is calling on all YMS of R Branches and Polish National Catholic Churches to be Christ to your community!

NEEDED: Articles of clothing to help dull the winter chill.

YOUR REWARD: A good deed that reflects the love of Jesus.

CHURCH REWARD: Monetary Check to host a social gathering at your parish to spread fellowship.

FOR MORE DETAILS go to www.pncc.org/?event=churchwide-event-united-y-m-s-of-r-winter-clothing-drive

“ANGEL WISHES DEADLINE” – The deadline to place your order and fill out your form for the Angel Wishes project is **TODAY**. 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!

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

Lectors:

12/17 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Hughes

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/24 – 8:00 – C. Ross

Oplatki – Christmas
Wafers are available in the
Parish Office.

CATHEDRAL STEEPLE – The steeple restoration project has begun. CJ Diirner has started to remove the old metal cladding and replace it with new aluminum cladding. It is necessary for the large lift to be in our parking lot and partially in front of the church. **Everyone is advised to use extreme caution when entering and exiting the Cathedral parking lot with their vehicles. Also, be careful when entering and exiting the Cathedral. Please stay clear of all equipment and material.**

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. 31st.** We hope to provide a summary at the annual parish meeting in March. Thank you.

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.

ANS POST-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Sunday, January 7, 2018 the Blessed Sacrament Society will hold its Post-Christmas Celebration at (time to be announced) Anthony's Restaurant, 202 S. Main St., Old Forge.

\$28 ALL INCLUSIVE MENU

Coffee, tea, soda included.

Cash bar

Entrée choice:

1. Broiled salmon w/ lump crabmeat and asparagus
2. Veal and eggplant parmigiana
3. Chicken marsala w/ sundried tomatoes
4. Penne pasta w/ vodka sauce

Checks should be made out to the "Adoration Society" or "ANS". Reservations are required, no later than December 31, 2017. Contact Christine Ross 570-562-6434 with your menu selection.

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.

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.

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 **Spaghetti's** 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 jteel@nep.net by **TODAY**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Dec 18** – Grace Weaver; **Dec 19** – Wanda Diak; **Dec 20** – Suzanne Osterstrom, MaryAnn Zigmont, Christine Noto; **Dec 22** – Cory Donovan; **Dec 23** – Joseph Orlovski

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, December 18

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Wednesday, December 20

5:00 am – Rorate Mass

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 22

8:30 – Mass of the day

Saturday, December 23

8:30 am – sp. Walter Blakiewicz by family

FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL –December 15th – *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.