

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 18, 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, December 18th

SOCL following 9:30 a.m. mass

Hand bell Choir rehearsal following SOCL class.

10:45 am – Decorating the Cathedral for Christmas

**LAST DAY FOR SIGN-UPS FOR ST. STANISLAUS
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS TODAY!**

MONDAY, December 19th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

THURSDAY, December 22nd

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Christmas Eve, December 24th

3:00 pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas

10:15 pm – Melodies and Carols of the Season

10:30 pm – Shepherds' Mass - Pasterka

Christmas Day, December 25th

10:00 am – Holy Mass

10:30 am – Holy Mass, Our Savior Chapel, Tripp Park

MUSIC NOTES – Today's prelude, hand bell voluntary, and postlude are all based on an Advent hymn which was written and set to music by Philip Nicolai in 1599. It is published in 189 modern hymnals which is eloquent testimony to its importance as a pillar of Christian hymnody. The hymn has been set as choral anthems, cantatas, and organ pieces throughout history by countless composers. The text of the hymn is based on the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) and is viewed as an admonition to Christians to be ready for the second coming of Christ: its pertinence to Advent lies in its suggestion that we all be prepared for Christ's coming. The first stanza of the hymn is: "Wake, awake, for night is flying," the watchmen on the heights are crying; "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Where are the virgins pure and wise? The Bridegroom comes: Awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! With bridal care and faith's bold prayer, to meet the Bridegroom, come, prepare!"

ST. STANISLAUS CATHEDRAL UYA – We would like to thank everyone who supported our most recent homemade bread sale for the Holiday Season. Your generosity was greatly appreciated as we build our funds for Convo 2018. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, and UYA members who helped out that day. A very special "THANK YOU" is extended to Mrs. Lorraine Hill, Marlene Hill, Mrs. Marie Gorgol, Mrs. Shirley Golembeski, and Mrs. Christine Gerardi for lending some extra hands that day. It means so much to have such thoughtful, supportive, and dedicated people amongst

Lectors:

12/18 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Hughes

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/25 – 10:00 – R. Seliga

10:30 – L. McConlogue

Opłatki – Christmas
Wafers are available in
the Parish Office.

our church community. We would like to wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

ST. STANISLAUS HANDBELL NEWS – We are very happy and glad to have two new members join our hand bell choir, Brae-Lyn Reed and Matthew Pfohl. We hope everyone will enjoy our selections for the upcoming Holiday Season as we welcome and celebrate the Birth of our Saviour! Happy Holidays!

300 CLUB RAFFLE – Our parish will again be conducting a 300 CLUB RAFFLE to help with church financial issues. There are 70 chances to win, and winners are placed again in the ongoing drawings for multiple opportunities. Weekly drawings will begin on February 5, 2017 and continue through April 9, 2017 during the coffee hour following the 9:30 mass. The prizes are: 1st - \$100; 2nd & 3rd - \$50; 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th - \$25. The cost is \$20 per ticket and can be purchased in the parish office or from Debbie Godek or Sylvia Kowalski. If you have not completed your stocking stuffer list, these raffle tickets make excellent inserts. Thank you for your consideration and support.

'TIS the SEASON for CHRISTMAS CAROLING....fa la la la la, la la la la! – The St. Stanislaus UYA is setting their 2016 Christmas Caroling schedule. The caroling group will be singing to and sharing their holiday cheer with parishioners and friends on **the evenings of Monday, December 26th, Wednesday, December 28th and Friday, December 30th.** If you have never had the carolers stop at your home, or it's been a few years since you've enjoyed their company, and would like them to pay you a visit this year, please **add your name to our signup sheet in the church hall.** Once we have our updated list, we will be able to let everyone know our specific nightly neighborhood schedule. And even if you live outside the 'city' limits, we encourage you to sign up, too! We have gone to Clarks Summit, Taylor, Throop, and would be happy to visit Moscow, Elmhurst, and Daleville. We just need to know you would like us to come to your home. The UYA Carolers would like to thank everyone who has welcomed them over the years and are truly looking forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you again this year. For more details or questions, please contact Maria Hughes at [570-842-8451](tel:570-842-8451) or by email at mariahughes1@verizon.net.

EDUCATION and YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFEL WINNERS – The Education and Youth Commission would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who generously supported the Raffle Fundraiser promoting our Stipend Program through the PNU. It was a nice beginning to our mission of providing funding and enabling our youth members, an opportunity to apply for a stipend, which this commission offers. ***Congratulations to our winners!*** First Prize (\$400.00 Gift Card- Value of an iPad) – Mr. Edward Borek, Scranton, Pa; Second Prize (Apple TV) – Mrs. Carol Mikovsky, Scranton, Pa; Third Prize (\$100.00) – Halle Maciag, Rutherford, NJ

Please remember that monetary donations are graciously accepted towards these endeavors, as we continue to encourage the youth within our community to become our future leaders. Donations can be sent directly to: **Education and Youth Commission, 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, Pa 18505.**

Thank you and God Bless You, Mary Ann Stankowski, Education & Youth Commission, Chairman

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 1st- April 15th.**

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. **All completed applications should be returned by April 15th, 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY will meet on **January 4, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** in the library of St. Stanislaus Cathedral. All interested persons are welcomed to become a member of this dedicated ministry. Drop in, meet the ladies, and see what they are doing for Christ and His people in need. Hope to see you on the 4th of January.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **canned fruit** on Sunday, **December 25th** for the One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, December 19

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 am – Elementary School Mass

Wednesday, December 21

5:00 am – Rorate: Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 22

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, December 23

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas

10:15 pm – Melodies and Carols of the Season

10:30 pm – Shepherds' Mass - Pasterka

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Dec 18** – Grace Weaver; **Dec 19** – Wanda Diak; **Dec 20** – Suzanne Osterstrom, Mary Ann Zigmont, Christine Nezelkewicz; **Dec 22** – Cory Donovan; **Dec 23** – Joseph Orłowski

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – December 16th – *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.