

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 20, 2015



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 20th – Third Sunday of Advent

SOCL class following 9:30 am mass

Handbell rehearsal following SOCL class

MONDAY, December 21st

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

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

St. Stephen's, December 26th

3:00 pm – UYA Christmas Caroling

NO CATECHISM CLASSES: Communion and Confirmation

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27th – Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

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

MUSIC NOTES – Marco Enrico Bossi (1861-1925) was a well-known organist, teacher, and composer. He worked in Como, Naples, Bologna, and Rome, and in 1924 he toured the USA and played at the Wannamaker Store in Philadelphia. His *Ave Maria* is a tone poem, that is, a piece which describes something: in this case, the Annunciation story from Scripture which became the *Hail, Mary*. His organ setting evokes the text of the prayer through its use of different melodies, moods, and sounds.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE – Published now is the banns of marriage between Kristen Marie Phillips and Bernard Anthony Gervasi.

CORRECTION re: PARISH ENVELOPES – Last week's announcement was incorrect: the envelopes have not come in as yet. When the 2016 donations envelopes do arrive, we will inform the parish members. We apologize for creating any confusion.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING – **TODAY** after the second Mass. There is plenty of work for any parishioners who are free to help. And it's great good fun, too! Come and see.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – set for **Sunday, January 10th** after the second Mass to vote on the implementation of the new proposed pledge system for our Cathedral Parish. **As we are still under the current dues system, only parishioners who have paid in full their dues for 2015 can be eligible to vote on this proposal.** A snow date for this meeting is Sunday, January 24th.

Lectors:

12/20 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Snyder & M. Hughes

11:15 – L. McConlogue

12/27 – 8:00 – C. Ross

9:30 – J. Ostroski & J. Scheuneman

11:15 – *need volunteer*

Oplátky – Christmas
Wafers – are available
in the Parish Office

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN – Please send Sunday, December 27th bulletin items by **noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2015** due to the Christmas holiday.

PRIME BISHOP'S ADVENT MESSAGE - Most Rev. Anthony M. Mikovsky, PhD, Prime Bishop of the PNCC, released a YouTube video message for Advent. It can be viewed from the home page of our website or by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWfvK-1WnS0>

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS CARDS – are with the bulletins on the shelves. Please fill them out with your name, the amount you're offering and in whose memory they are being given, if such is the case. Please place the card and check or cash in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, or bring it to the Parish Office.

ST. STANISLAUS HANDBELL CHOIR – Please note there will be rehearsal on December 20th, 2015 following the SOCL Classes for those members in order to practice for the Christmas Eve Service, December 24th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. We will then take a little break and resume our practices in January 2016. The dates and times will be determined soon. So please watch the bulletin for the upcoming events. Thank you for all your support and dedication, as we prepare our homes and families for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

CATHEDRAL UYA BREAD SALE – We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our most recent bread sale on December 12th, 2015. We filled all of our orders and had some extra loaves for sale. Thank you to all the parents and UYA members who came to help that day with a special note of thanks especially extended to: Mrs. Lorraine Hill, Marlene Hill, Mrs. Marie Gorgol, Mrs. Christine Gerardi, Mrs. Arlene Swantek, Mrs. Shirley Golembeski, and Mrs. Carol Mikovsky for lending some very helpful hands. The overwhelming response to this fundraiser from our church community is greatly appreciated and it will be a great start towards our fundraising efforts for Convo 2016... We would also like to extend our greetings to everyone in our church community to have a very Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season!

CHRISTMAS BANNER DONORS – All four Christmas banners for the Cathedral pillars have been donated by the following: Stanley and Barbara Janus in memory of Joseph and Mary Matylewicz and Stanley and Anna Janus; Sebastian and Christian Segiel; Jack and Henrietta Ostroski; and Paul and Donna Gorgol. Also, the banner in the lower Cathedral narthex was gotten and donated by Don and Sally Blackledge. Our thanks to all for providing these decorations for this season.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Our UYA is Christmas Caroling **Saturday, December 26th** starting at 3pm until early evening, and again on **Sunday the 27th** from 3:00 pm till early evening, and then on **Wednesday, December 30th** between 5:30 and 8:00 pm approximately. If anyone would like us to come to their home, please call the rectory at 570.343.6017. Please leave a voicemail. Our caroling schedule will be posted soon.

NIGHT AT THE RACES – Our UYA parents are offering everyone another Night at the Races on **Saturday, January 30th 2016**. The \$5 admission includes food, soda and beer. Admission tickets and each \$10 horse (if the horse you buy wins, you win \$50!) are being sold in advance. Please see any UYA member for these. Doors open at 6:15. Post time: 7:00 pm.

300 CLUB - TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE to purchase from any Parish Committee member or in the office. If anyone would like to sell tickets please see Debbie Godek or call [570-689-4069](tel:570-689-4069). **Drawings will be held after the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays starting January 17, 2016 thru March 20, 2016.** 1st Prize is \$100.00, 2nd and 3rd Prize \$50.00 each, 4th - 7th \$25.00 each. All Winners will be put back in and are eligible for all future weekly drawings. Everyone has 70 chances to win. Cost is **\$20.00 per ticket**.

CARPPOOLING – We are **developing a Carpooling Program for parishioners with no means of transportation to our services**, those who may be handicapped or wheelchair bound. Our plan is to make it convenient for those who have some type of disability to be able to attend our Sunday Masses, as well as holidays. Once in church, they can use the chairlift to proceed to the nave or enjoy the Mass in the chapel via closed circuit TV. If you know of anyone who may fit these categories and who would like to attend our services but cannot, please call Paul Kowalski at [570-842-8812](tel:570-842-8812). **Also, please call Paul if you are interested in driving in the carpool.** Hopefully, this program will provide more of us with the opportunity to again enjoy our spiritual services.

FOOD PANTRY – Please bring **bags of rice or noodle sides** on Sunday, **December 27th** for the One Hot Meal Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

PARISH DUES REMINDER – Parishioners are reminded that Parish Dues must be paid during the 2015 calendar year in order to be considered current. Any dues payments received after that date will be posted for 2016.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Dec 20** – Suzanne Osterstrom, MaryAnn Zigmont, Christine Nezelkewicz; **Dec 22** – Cory Donovan; **Dec 23** – Joseph Orłowski; **Dec 27** – Janet Swanger; **Dec 28** – Eve Tappaugh

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES
Tuesday, December 22
8:30 am – Elementary School Mass
Wednesday, December 23
8:30 am – Healing Mass
Christmas Eve, December 24
as above
Christmas Day, December 25
as above
St. Stephen's, December 26
10:00 am - Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – December 18 –
*Abington: Ann Kazmierczak; *Mt. View: Amelia Liska, Marie Marcinkowski, Paulette Wincovich; *Wayne Woodlands: Ed Solosky; *St. Mary's Villa: Clara Zlotowski

FRIENDS RECOVERING AT HOME – Chester Nezelkewicz – Virginia Meyer – Ann Seig – Donny Godek – Mary Szajna – Art Schmidt Jr. – Ann Stets – Jean Cwynar – Josephine Kwiatkowski – Jeanne Kowalski - Romaine Thomas. Please pray for them.