

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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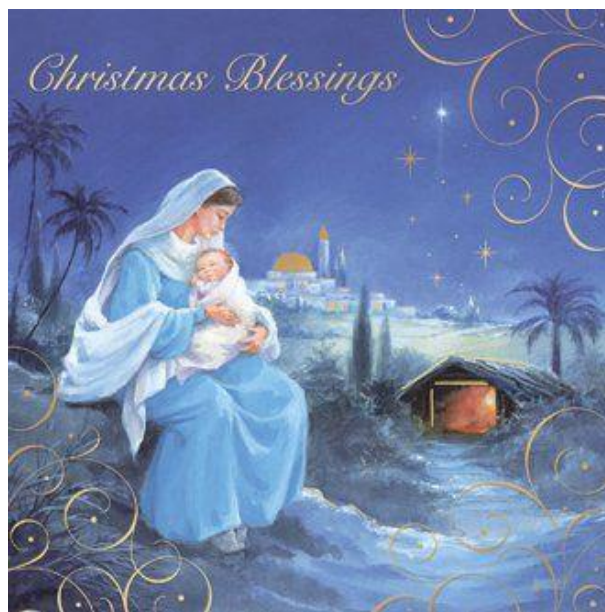
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## Nativity of our Lord

**December 25, 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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*Merry Christmas*

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### *Lectors:*

**12/25** – 10:00 – R. Seliga

10:30 – L. McConlogue

**1/1/2017** – 10:00 – C. Ross & J.

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10:30 – L. McConlogue

### St. Stephen's, December 26

10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel

### St. John's, December 27

10:00 am – Holy Mass \*Wine will be blessed and distributed

### Saturday, December 31

7:00 pm – Mass at Year's End

### Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:00 am – Circumcision of the Lord

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

### **A Message from the Pastor and Bishop of the Central Diocese**

May your Christmas celebrations be gloriously adorned with blessings and great joy!

In the greatest story ever told, we learn an angel visited Mary to announce she is chosen of God to bear his Son, Jesus, the name which means 'he who saves.' In Luke we learn an angel also came to the shepherds on the hillside with a similar message that "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (2:11, NIV)." The heavenly host reaffirmed this before those herding their sheep who later found things in Bethlehem and in the manger there just as described. And they, in turn, unfolded all these things to Mary and to everyone else they came upon; and word of the Word was spread throughout the region. And Mary, the Mother of God, "...treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (2:19, NIV)."

Mary reflected on all that had transpired: the announcement, the Bethlehem trek, the visitations from shepherds and magi that were made also in response to divine intervention. But did she ever contemplate back then the need for her Child-Savior to die to effect the salvation of all according to the divine will? Could she even begin to consider back then how everyone would live their lives differently because of Jesus as "God with us"?

This Christmas season I ask all of you reading this message to reflect with Mary on the meaning of this singular birth which you celebrate; the birth of the one you acknowledge to be your Savior and whom you have chosen to follow. Utilize Mary's example of contemplation to reflect on how you will live in a certain manner because your Savior taught you values that were very special to him.

Reflect on the meaning of following this Child-Savior: learn to understand his ways; meet him in his sacraments; live according to his ways for his sake, for your sake, and for the world around you to observe and experience.

My prayer, then, this Christmas season is that all of you would take all of this to heart as Mary did to hers and ponder it, rejoice in it and then live it to the glory of God in his Son, Jesus the Christ, our Bethlehem-born Savior. May you all enjoy a merry, grace-filled and reflective Christmastide.

Blessings and peace to you all.

*Bishop Bernard*

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50; 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> - \$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.

**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, Mrs. Christine Gerardi, and Mrs. Carol Mikovsky for lending some extra hands that day. It means so much to have such thoughtful, supportive, and dedicated people amongst our church community. We would like to wish everyone a Joyous Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

**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](mailto:mariahughes1@verizon.net).

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>- April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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](http://www.pnu.org). **All completed applications should be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).**

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **canned soup** on Sunday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>** for the One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

#### **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**St. Stephen's, December 26**

10:00 am – Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel

**St. John's, December 27**

10:00 am – Holy Mass \*Wine will be blessed and distributed

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:30 am – Holy Innocents

**Thursday, December 29**

8:30 am – Healing Mass

**Friday, December 30**

8:30 am – Mass of the day

**Saturday, December 31**

7:00 pm – Mass at Year's End

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Dec 27** – Janet Swanger; **Dec 30** – Lauren Godek, Mary Ann Stankowski, Ann Marie Grado; **Dec 31** – Arthur Schmidt

**FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – \*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.