

# St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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**The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church**

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## Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

**December 31, 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

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### TODAY

7:00 pm – New Year’s Eve Mass at the Close of the Year,  
Cathedral, *lower chapel*

### MONDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**11:00 am** – Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord

### THURSDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

### SATURDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>

**NO** Confirmation class

**NO** Communion class

**NO** Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

1:00 – 3:00 pm – One Hot Meal

### NEXT SUNDAY, January 7, Epiphany of our Lord

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

**ANGEL WISHES** – Thank you to everyone who purchased one of our “Prayer” or “Memory” angels for the holiday season. You can pick up your angel downstairs in the church to take home and share with that someone special or display it in your house, keeping the memories of someone you hold dear to your heart close by. It was a great fundraiser to help with our expenditures for Convo 2018!

*May you have Health, Happiness, & Good Fortune in the New Year!*

*The Cathedral UYA & their Families*

**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](http://www.pncc.org/?event=churchwide-event-united-y-m-s-of-r-winter-clothing-drive)

**THE PRAYER SHAWL and BLANKET MINISTRY** – will meet in the church library on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. In St. Matthew's Gospel Jesus reminds us that we must be concerned about the needy and the poor. The members of this ministry are concerned about the elderly, shut-ins, the needy, and the sick. At their meeting they make these prayer shawls and give them to those who are in need. We have one problem; we need more individuals to help us. Will you sacrificed one day a month to do the Lord's work? .Come to the next meeting and meet the members of this ministry.

**ANS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** – Sunday, January 7, 2018 the Blessed Sacrament Society will hold its Christmas Celebration at **2:00 pm** at 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

All entrees have choice of soup or salad and side choice of potato/veggie or chef's choice pasta

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.

**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](mailto: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. 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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](mailto:office@saintstanislauspncc.org) by Dec. 31, 2017.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>). 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).
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- 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:EYC@pnu.org).

**FOOD PANTRY** – Please bring **instant oatmeal** on Sunday, **January 6<sup>th</sup>** for our One Hot Meal Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of this important project.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – **Dec 31** – Arthur Schmidt; **Jan 1** – Diane Fallon, Chad Oliver, Nicole Karcheski, Paul Cimino; **Jan 2** – Joann Valvano; **Jan. 4** – Julie Orzell, Mary Berezinsky; **Jan. 5** – Elizabeth Bohan; **Jan. 6** – Marie Jarocho

**FRIENDS in the HOSPITAL** –**December 29<sup>th</sup>** – \*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.

***THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES***

**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
11:00 am – Circumcision of our Lord  
**Tuesday, January 2**  
8:30 am – Mass of the day  
**Wednesday, January 3**  
8:30 am – Mass of the day  
**Thursday, January 4**  
8:30 am – Healing Mass  
**Friday, January 5**  
8:30 am – Mass of the Day  
**Saturday, January 6**  
8:30 am – Mass of the day



## A MANGER, A JEWEL

As timeless as is the story of the birth of Christ, and as enduring as is the tradition of depicting that birth in three-dimensional figures, the statues portraying that birth inevitably become time worn. Their appearance becomes faded and the integrity of their structures compromised over time by cracks and chips and fractures in extremities and other of the images' features. Our Cathedral creche was not spared this inescapable time worn condition and, therefore, fell into need of repair and refurbishing.

To bring about the highest quality artistic restoration of our vintage manger scene, the Trinity Artisans, Fine Art and Restoration firm of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania was engaged. The elegant results of their artistry are before you in the nativity scene at the Marian altar. The beautiful restoration was effected by lead artisan, Judy Dotzel of the Trinity Artisans firm which has been serving churches' needs in refurbishing murals, icons and statuary for the past twenty-five years. Among the churches that have benefited from her artistry is our parish in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, the PNC Church of the Good Shepherd.

While the provenance of our Christmas figures is uncertain at this time, Ms. Dotzel does recognize our statues to be of very high quality and fine details. They are all the more exceptional, she informs us, due to their having been cast in terracotta and not in plaster rendering them more durable and weightier than most. So rare is this type of statuary that, in her experience, our set is the first of that medium she has renovated. She strongly doubts manger sets as ours are being created any longer.

Our manger scene is breathtaking once again to inspire us and to uplift generations to follow. The creche is one of the most powerful and popular symbols of Christmas in the Christian world. And ours, no less than others, gracefully and reverently presents to each viewer its emblem of Christian hope and redemption: the birth of Jesus. *“Venite adoremus.” “O come, let us adore him.”*

Along with the restoration of the Cathedral nativity, was a jeweler's refurbishing of an historical episcopal artifact from the Diocesan chancery. The jeweled crozier carried by Bishop Bernard this season is an insignia of his office which was first borne by the late Bishop John Misiaszek, Ordinary of the Central Diocese from 1949-53. Also, the jeweled miter Bishop Bernard wears is another insignia of the episcopal office retrieved from the Diocesan chancery. The miter is a gift to the Diocese of a former primate of our Church in Poland, the late Prime Bishop Thaddeus Majewski. Both pieces of regalia have been set with amethysts, the traditional gem of the episcopacy, which can also be set in pectoral crosses and bishops' rings.