

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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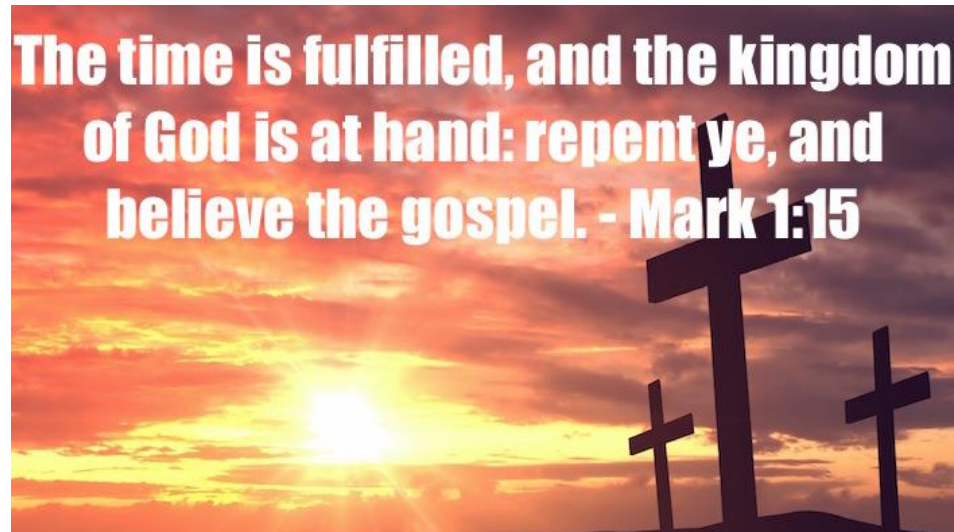
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Peter Picerno, DMA – Organist / Director of Music

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018



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

SOCL following 9:30 mass

St. Stanislaus Handbell rehearsal following SOCL Class

11:30 am – ANS monthly meeting & election of officers

MONDAY, February 19th

6:30 pm – Bible Study, Chancery conference room

TUESDAY, February 20th

6:30 pm – Parish Committee monthly meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, ANS readers

7:45 pm – Tenebrae Singers rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 22nd

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball practice

6:30 - 7:00 pm - Pre-k - 2nd grade

7:00 - 7:30 pm - 3rd - 8th grade

7:30 - 8:00 pm - 9th - 11th grade

FRIDAY, February 23rd

12:00 noon – Stations of the Cross, lower Cathedral Chapel

St. Stanislaus Youth Basketball games →

SATURDAY, February 24th

9:30 am – Confirmation class

9:45 am – Communion class

10:30 am – Cathedral Young Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th, Second Sunday in Lent

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

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Lectors:

2/18 – 8:00 – J. Andrzejewski

9:30 – M. Hughes & M. Stankowski

11:15 – L. McConlogue

2/25 – 8:00 – K. Michalina

9:30 – J. Scheuneman & R. Seliga

11:15 – L. McConlogue

Friday Game times

6:00-6:30pm - Prek & Kind

6:30-7:00pm – 1st & 2nd grade

7:00-7:40pm – 3rd, 4th & 5th grade

7:40-8:20pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th grade

8:20-9:00pm – 9th & 10th grade

9:00-9:40pm – 11th grade

MUSIC NOTES – Though the prelude and fugue, as a compositional device, existed before Bach's time, it was one of his many achievements that he established it as a musical form which has been used by composers throughout history – even by such composers as Stravinsky and Bernstein. The *Prelude and Fugue in E minor* is an early example of Bach's efforts. It was probably written in about 1705 when Bach was 20 and was organist at the New Church in Arnstadt. The prelude is a juxtaposition of free and structured writing and gives the overall impression of an improvisation. The fugue, with its stark and striking theme, shows the beginning of Bach's mastery of spinning an entire composition out from one musical idea. Because of the fugue's theme this piece has been known as the 'Nightwatchman' prelude and fugue though it has also been called the 'Cathedral' prelude and fugue perhaps because of its austerity.

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"A GREAT BIG THANK YOU" – I would like to take this opportunity to "Thank" the many individuals who came out for an evening filled with dancing, great food, and overall good time with friends, to support our annual Valentine Dance sponsored by the YMS of R. A special "Thank You" to those dedicated YMS of R men who came to help setup, work that evening, and help tear-down the decorations; as well as the dedicated and very supportive Ladies of the ANS, who prepared the delicious homemade food all week, and our Cathedral Youth Group for their help in making sure all of our guests were completely satisfied. I am very grateful for everyone's support, dedication, and hard work in making this dance a success every year, it truly makes my job much easier. Hopefully we can continue to make this dance a success in the future, and continue to use the profits from this event to help support funding for the youth center. *Thank you, Jake Stankowski*

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE RACES at the Youth Center Saturday March 3rd. Gates open @6:30PM Food & beverage included. (BYOB) \$25 admission at door. Sponsored by World Cup Cheer. Call Nate Kalteski @ [507-241-1474](tel:507-241-1474) for ticket discounts & information.

BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH THE EASTER BUNNY – Sponsored by Branch #1 of the YMS of R takes place **Sunday, March 18th after 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Youth Center**. Tickets are: Adults - \$8.00; Children - \$3.00. **Please make reservations in the Parish Auditorium after 9:30 am Mass or call Frank Gerardi 570-587-3672**. There will be a *limited* number of tickets for sale at the door, so reserve yours by Thursday, March 15th.

BREAKFAST SET-UP – will take place at **6:30 pm on Saturday, March 17th**. Any help given is much appreciated.



A PASTORAL LENTEN GREETING - Dear Parishioners, God's People at St. Stanislaus Cathedral PNCC,

On this the first Sunday of Great Lent, I extend to you my invitation and encouragement to observe a holy Lenten season through self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

I hope you will find time each day to read the portion of Scripture outlined in the Lenten Sunday bulletins. This Lent, as you read and meditate on God's word, I want you to consider doing something you might never have thought before to do: ask yourself where God may be leading you in your personal life and in the corporate life of the body of Christ, His Church at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

Remember the four spiritual disciplines of Lent: Prayer, Almsgiving, Bible reading and Fasting. Give up something for seven weeks that you are particularly fond of, but fast as well on those things that distance yourselves from God: fast from greed, unkindness, untruth, disregard for others, self-centeredness. As you fast on these, eliminating them from your patterns of behavior, take on something else in their place. As Christ healed and served others, you might spend an hour with someone who is alone and who would welcome your company. You might offer a young mother an hour a week to relax while you watch her children, or take a casserole to an older adult who lives alone and join him/her for dinner one night.

I really hope you will make this Lenten period a time to renew your faith and your commitment to God and God's community here at your Cathedral Parish of St. Stanislaus.

+ *Bishop Bernard*

The FOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES – Praying, Fasting, Alms Giving and Daily Bible Readings

Let's live Lent as People of the Resurrection.....

....following our Saviour as he takes up his cross. We repent of our sins. We live Lent knowing the end of the story. Our sins are forgiven, washed away in Jesus' blood. The promise of the empty tomb is the promise of paradise!

THE PURPOSE OF GOD
The Lord Fulfills His Purpose

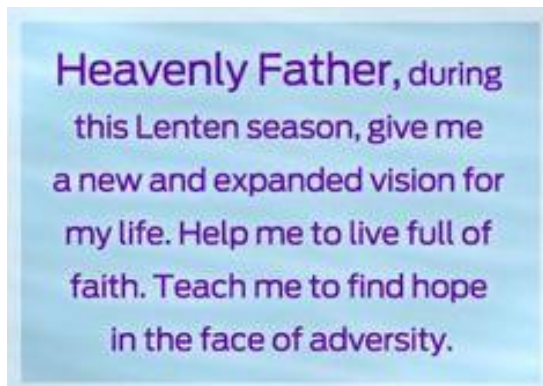
Sunday	The Lord's purpose for me	Psalm 138:4-8
Monday	To give his life	Mark 10:42-45
Tuesday	The Son's purpose	John 12:27-33
Wednesday	Seeking the lost	Luke 15:1-7
Thursday	Your will be done	Luke 22:39-46
Friday	The way of the cross	Matthew 16:21-28
Saturday	Called, justified and glorified	Romans 8:28-30

(HELP YOUR CHILDREN learn the citations in the Bible:

Luke is a Book in the Bible.

15: is the chapter of a Book in the Bible.

1-7 are the verses of the chapter of a Book in the Bible.)



LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

A rich array of spiritual opportunities is listed below for all our parishioners to avail themselves of during the season of Great Lent:

Fridays – 12 noon – Stations of the Cross, chapel, lower Cathedral

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Cathedral

Various societies and parish ministries will read the meditations each week.
(Cathedral Chapel at Tripp Park attendees may worship at the hours given above)

Saturday – **March 10th** – 10:00 am to 12:30 pm – Scranton Seniorate Lenten Retreat: In the Wilderness, Saint Mary's Church, Duryea

Sunday – **March 11th** – 3:00 pm – Upper Room Meal, Youth Center – all Parishioners are invited to attend – first, please sign attendance sheet in Parish Hall

Palm Sunday – **March 25th** – 4:00 pm – Living Stations, new format

Holy Tuesday – **March 27th** – 4:00 pm – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Holy Thursday – **March 29th** – 7:00 pm – Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday – **March 30th** – **12:00 noon** - Holy Hour, **1:00 pm** – Litanies of the Passion and of Our Holy Mother of Sorrows, **2:00 pm** – Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, **2:45 pm** – Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ followed by opening the symbolic tomb of Christ

Good Friday – **March 30th** – 7:00 pm – Tenebrae, chanted, gentlemen of the Cathedral

Holy Saturday – **March 31st** – 4:00 pm – Vigil of the Risen One

THE ANS UPPER ROOM LENTEN PROGRAM – A program of melody, meditation, and meal will be conducted at the Cathedral and in the Youth Center **Sunday, Sunday, March 11th at 3:00 pm.** **Reservations are necessary.** All are welcome to participate. A freewill offering will be taken.

A **SIGN-UP SHEET** in the LOWER AUDITORIUM on the SIDE TABLES is PREPARED for RESERVATIONS.

**Future Direction Subcommittee of the Supreme Council
Polish National Catholic Church**

Remember Christian Soul
that today and every day you have
God to glorify.
Jesus to imitate.
salvation to work out with fear and trembling.
a body to use rightly.
sins to repent.
virtues to acquire.
hell to avoid.
heaven to gain.
eternity to hold in mind.
time to profit by.
neighbors to serve.
the world to enjoy.
creation to use rightly.
slights to endure patiently.
kindnesses to offer willingly.
justice to strive for.
temptations to overcome.
death perhaps to suffer.
and in all things,
God's love to sustain you.

(from the St Augustine Prayer book)

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

As we continue this Year of the Family across our Holy Polish National Catholic Church we focus this month on Unconditional Family Love. A special thanks to Rev. Fr. Scott Lill for preparing the message this month.

The family was the crowning accomplishment of God's initial work of Creation. In creating man and women, the Lord established the family as the foundation of all human society, and He endowed it with a profound dignity that far surpassed that of all other creatures. Bearing his own image and likeness and being commissioned together to rule and serve the rest of creation, that first family, however, cooperatively chose to disobey God's command and strayed from the path of righteousness, thus incurring the consequences of sin, many of the worst of which are glaringly demonstrated today in the collective brokenness of families.

But God did not give up on the family! To the contrary, it was through the cooperation of a particular family—the Holy Family of Nazareth—that God enacted his plan for our Salvation. God redeemed the family unit by becoming a member of one and, in doing so, elevated it to a graced status far greater than it had had in the beginning and bestowing on it a new and exalted mission. Just as the Holy Family was the instrument by which our Redeemer entered the world and was prepared for his saving mission, so now for Christians, each family is the instrument for the sanctification of its members, who all recognize that they have a need for something that none of the others can provide and a destiny that reaches beyond the bounds of their earthly union. In truth, the family is the first means we are given to help us get to heaven. Therefore, every aspect of family life must focus on this. It is within this context that any consideration of unconditional family love must be considered.

Many people think that unconditional love means that family members must accept and support whatever the others choose to do. If what we have already stated is true, however, then this clearly cannot be the case.

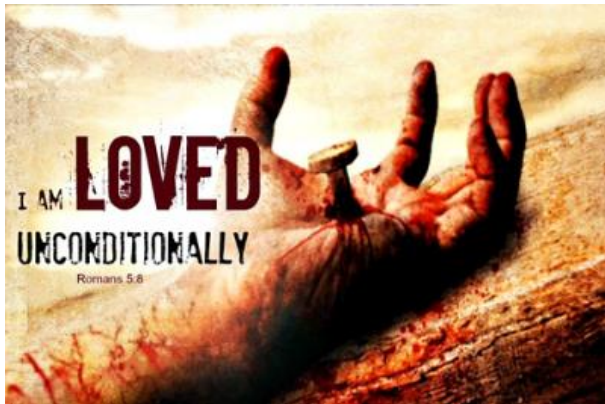
Unconditional love between family members does not mean that I must stand idly by as you are tempted to sin or start becoming enamored by the ways of the fallen world. It does not mean that I will passively allow you to turn your back on the Gospel of Jesus and the teachings of his Church to wander off into the fog of falsehood. It does not mean that I am bound to let you walk away from God and his Church by straying into a life of habitual sin. It does not mean that I must remain silent should you, even unknowingly or under the power of some external influence, forsake your baptismal dignity. In truth, none of this would be love at all.

Unconditional family love does mean that I will willingly overlook your imperfections even as I continue to challenge you to grow in holiness a little more each day. It does mean that I will always forgive your sinful failings from yesterday while helping you repent today and calling you to even greater virtue tomorrow. It does mean that I will always seek you when you go astray and do my best

to gently lead you back to God in the Church, reminding you that you are a child of the Eternal Father, a living temple of the Holy Spirit and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven through Jesus.

Each family member must have a humble awareness of the mission entrusted to them by God Himself when they became members of that family. Each must be willing to embrace their unique roles therein, while also looking at the others—spouse to spouse, parent to child and even child to parent—and promising this:

I will always love you enough to willingly lay down my life for your good despite your sinfulness. I will always love you enough to push you to become a more authentic and faithful Disciple of our Lord and to open yourself to the transforming power of God's grace, even when you don't feel like it. I will always love you enough to challenge you to work on becoming a radiant icon of the living God for the whole world to see, even when you don't exactly look the part. Pushing you a little closer to Heaven each and every day, I will always love you with unconditional love as it is understood in the light of the Gospel. In short, I will always love you like Jesus loves you.



PNCC Future Direction is now on Facebook! Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church.

As we focus on Unconditional Love in our families let our Lord be our example. May God bless you and your family as we look forward to beginning our new Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee
Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

Positions for Annual Meeting/Parish Committee

The annual meeting of the St. Stanislaus parish will be held Sunday, March 4th. One of the items at this meeting is the election of the parish committee which is important in guiding the direction of our parish over the next 12 months or more. Positions include Chairman, 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, and Directors. Descriptions of these positions will appear in future bulletins and on our website. **Please take a moment to consider joining this team for the 2018-2019 term. Any questions regarding requirements and responsibilities can be directed to a current committee member.**

Chairman – The role of the Chairman is to preside over the monthly Parish Committee meeting and oversee all administrative activities in the Parish office. In the past, the position has often required the Chairman to be comfortable with maintenance and care of the Parish properties. This is not a requirement of the position as these matters can be handled through various skilled professionals and volunteers. Responsible for the management of our full-time maintenance workers. The time required for this position is 4 hours a week but can fluctuate when necessary.

Vice Chairman 1 & 2 – These roles work alongside each other as they carry out various administrative tasks and handle the planning and execution of committee tasks. These officers also participate in Sunday collection counting as scheduled with the Directors. The time for this position is 3 hours per week but can fluctuate when necessary. Oversee Stewardship Pledge Program. Projected time required is 3 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Treasurer – The role of this person has changed dramatically within our parish with less hours required to perform the duties of this position than previous treasurers. Person should have accounting or business management background. Person will oversee the recording and reporting of the parish financial obligations; oversee planning of future financial responsibilities and enact financial activities approved by the parish committee. Projected time required is 3 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

- Make sure investment reports are up to date and distributed accordingly
- Plan for the quarterly payments to PNCC and diocese
- Ensure paperwork is up to date for reporting to committee
- Ensure reports are prepared for timely financial reviews
- Direct questions from staff to appropriate people for answers
- Work with Parish Book Keeper and assist with any clarifications regarding Parish financial activities
- Make deposits

Recording Secretary – Responsible for keeping the minutes of the Parish Committee meetings. Receives and responds to correspondences directed to the Parish. Works with the Parish

Office Manager in matters regarding parish membership. Projected time required is 2 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Financial Secretary – Will assist the full time Office Manager with matters pertaining to financial record keeping (filing), tracking parish membership, and working with the Stewardship Pledge Program. They will organize and schedule the Assistant Financial Secretaries. Projected time required is 2 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Assistant Financial Secretary - These are non-committee member positions responsible for the financial data entry on Sunday morning. Elected volunteers work with the Treasurer regarding the recording of financial data on a scheduled basis typically every 4-5 weeks.

Director – Attend monthly meetings held 3rd Tuesday of every month at which you will be required to participate in decision making for the parish, planning for the future direction of the parish, and provide constructive input to make projects successful. Also required to work in the parish office approximately 3 Sundays a year, until noon, to assist parishioners with questions, welcome new members, tally and review contributions. Projected time required is 1 hours per week. Attend monthly meeting of parish committee on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Envelope Committee – These are non-committee member positions. Review and tally weekly envelope contributions and ensure contributions are directed to the appropriate fund. Requires approx. 1 hour per week.

Financial Reviewer (constitution refers to them as Auditor) – These are non-committee member positions. Requires a quarterly meeting of approx. 2-3 hours to review the transactions and financial accounts of the parish for the purpose of having open financial records to our parishioners. There are 4-5 auditors who meet as a group to perform the review.



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

OOPS! – We apologize for the error of publishing the wrong week’s birthdays last Sunday. The list below includes both last week and this week’s birthdays.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, February 19

8:30 am – sp. Carol Merkel (on her birthday) by family.

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 am – sp. Augustine Kowalski by Paul & Sylvia Kowalski & family

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Thursday, February 22

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 23

8:30 am – Mass of the day

Saturday, February 24

8:30 am – sp. William K. Nasser, Jr. by Rev. Janusz Lucarz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – **Feb 12** – Eric Middleton, Michael Meleski; **Feb 14** – Susan Raub, Christine Ostroski, Donald Blackledge; **Feb 15** – Caroline Golembeski; **Feb 16** – Donald Godek; **Feb 18** – Linda Umerich, Marlene Yaron, Michael Osterstrom; **Feb 21** – Patricia Kanton; **Feb 23** – Brenda Karsnak; **Feb 24** – Kate Boczar-Matza

FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL – February 16th – *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.

